

C I R C U L A R

Sub: Annual Plan 2016-17 scheme on "Strengthening of Agricultural Extension"- operational support to mobile Agro clinics (Fuel charges)- Administrative sanction accorded - working instructions -issued

Ref: Green book released by Finance Department, Government of Kerala in Feb 2016

In the current year's budget of 2016-17, there is a provision of Rs. 4000.00 lakhs for the implementation of the above scheme 'Strengthening of Agricultural Extension' under the H/A 2401-00-109-80 plan.

As per the reference cited above continuous administrative sanction is accorded for the scheme. An amount of Rs. 67.5 lakhs is earmarked for meeting the operational expenses of Mobile Agro Clinics under the H/A 2401-00-109-80 plan of the current year's budget, and it is a component of the above scheme.

Field visits are inevitable for the effective extension activities, dissemination of technical know how and for proper field level verification during the implementation of various schemes by the Assistant Director of Agriculture and other technical staff. For this mobility is a must. For encouraging regular field visit and technology transfer 75 numbers of Mobile Agro clinics were established & 75 numbers of bolero jeeps purchased & is utilized as Mobile Agro clinics.

As per G.O (Rt) No: 1253/13/AD dtd 04.07.13 of Government, administrative sanction was accorded for providing operational support to the mobile Ago clinics to meet the fuel expenses. As per reference cited 2nd above continuous administrative sanction has been accorded for the scheme. The objectives of Mobile Agro Clinics are given below.

1. Monitor the pest & disease incidence, diagnosis & suggestion of remedial measures.
2. Finding out deficiency symptoms, micro nutrient status, soil PH etc.
3. To enable service delivery at door steps.
4. To improve the farm clinical services by providing mobility support equipped with facilities for soil problem diagnosis, pest & disease management etc.

5. To monitor the timely and correct implementation of various schemes.

There is a provision in the scheme 'Strengthening of Agricultural Extension' to provide Rs.7500/month/jeep to meet the operational expenses with respect to the fuel cost incurred by the Mobile Agro clinics. This fund can also be used to meet other operational expenses like oil, service charges & insurance of Mobile Agro Clinics. Custodian of the vehicle will maintain an up to date log book with details of journey and fuel purchased. Controlling officer will verify the log book and record his/her observation. Mobile Agri Clinics will be utilized only for field visit and extension activities. The district wise financial allocation for meeting the fuel cost and other related operational cost during 2014-15 is given in Annexure I.

Monitoring:

At the district Level the scheme will be monitored and implemented by Deputy Director of Agriculture (E&T) under the overall supervision of the Principal Agricultural Officer. The Principal Agricultural Officer shall submit the monthly progress report in the name cover of Additional Director of Agriculture (Extn) of the Directorate before 5th of every succeeding month in Annexure II. Principal Agricultural Officer will conduct random vehicle verification regarding the utilization of vehicle. The Custodian Officer will ensure that the vehicle is used for field visit and extension activities related to technology transfer.

The amount of Rs.67.5 lakhs required for the implementation of the above scheme can be spent from the budget provision of Rs. 4000.00 lakhs provided under the H/A 2401-00-109-80 plan of current year.


Sd/-

Director of Agriculture

To: All Principal Agricultural Officers
All Project Directors, ATMA

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PA to Director of Agriculture
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TP Section for allotment of funds as per Annexure I
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Annexure I

District wise financial allocation of fuel charges of Bolero Jeep

Sl. No.	District	No: of bolero Jeeps allotted	Rs.7500/month / jeep for 12 months (Rs.lakhs)
1	Thiruvananthapuram	5	4.5
2	Kollam	5	4.5
3	Pathanamthitta	4	3.6
4	Alappuzha	6	5.4
5	Kottayam	5	4.5
6	Idukki	4	3.6
7	Ernakulam	7	6.3
8	Thrissur	6	5.4
9	Palakkad	4	3.6
10	Malappuram	6	5.4
11	Kozhikode	5	4.5
12	Wayanad	3	2.7
13	Kannur	6	5.4
14	Kasargod	3	2.7
15	HQ	6	5.4
	Total	75	67.5