



ABSTRACT

Agriculture - National Agriculture Development Programme (Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana – RKVY) - Implementation of project proposals for the year 2008-09 - Development of Clusters of Horticulture Crop / Bio Mass Tree Plantation in Drylands by Production Groups under National Agriculture Development Programme – Sanctioned – Orders - Issued.

AGRICULTURE (AP 1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 333

Dated: 17.11.2008

Read:

1. G.O.Ms.No.89, Agriculture, dated 3.3.08.
2. From the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, letter No.7-1/2008-RKVY, dated 2.6.2008.
3. From the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation letter No.8-1/2008-RKVY, dated 26.6.2008.
4. Government letter No.31646/AP1(2)/08-10, Agriculture (AP1) Department, dated 3.10.2008.
5. From the Executive Director, Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency letter No738/TAWDEVA/08-NADP, dated: 13.10.2008.

ORDER:

During 2007, the Government of India introduced a new Additional Central Assistance scheme to incentivise States to draw up plans for their agriculture sector more comprehensively, taking agro – climatic conditions, natural resource issues and technology into account, and integrating livestock, poultry and fisheries. The National Agriculture Development Programme (RKVY) aims at achieving 4% annual growth in agriculture sector during XI Plan period by ensuring holistic development of Agriculture and allied sectors.

2. In the G.O. first read above the Government have sanctioned an amount of Rs.469.90 lakhs for the implementation of the project of Development of Clusters of Horticulture crop / Bio Mass Tree Plantation in Drylands by Production Groups for the year 2007-08 under National Agriculture Development Programme for Development of 35 Clusters of Horticulture crop / Bio Mass Tree Plantation in Drylands by Production Groups in dry lands (Punjai lands) of small and marginal farmers under National Agriculture Development Programme with farmers' contribution.

3. In the letter second read above, the Government of India have allocated an amount of Rs.140.38 crores for the year 2008-09 under National Agriculture Development Programme (RKVY) to this State and released an amount of Rs.18.78 crores for implementation of projects under Stream-II of National Agriculture Development Programme (RKVY) for Agriculture and allied sectors for the year 2008-2009. This is 100% grant of the Government of India for the Programme.

4. The third meeting of the State Level Sanctioning Committee was held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to Government on 23.9.2008 to consider and sanction the project proposals in respect of Agriculture and allied sectors for the year 2008-2009 and the Committee among others, accorded approval for the proposal for Development of Clusters of Horticulture crop / Bio Mass Tree Plantation in Drylands by Production Group at a cost of Rs.364.78 crores. The Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has submitted its detailed project proposal Development of Clusters of Horticulture crop / Bio Mass Tree Plantation in Drylands by Production Groups during the year 2008-09 at a cost of Rs.364.78 lakhs. Under the programme, horticulture plantation in dry land farming will be taken up wherever water is available in sufficient quantity and Bio mass tree crops in lands where water is not available in sufficient quantity. It is proposed to implement the above scheme in eight districts in this year under National Agriculture Development Programme scheme viz. Erode, Vellore, Trichy, Cuddalore, Sivagangai, Virudhunagar, Theni and Tirunelveli. The treatment of soil problems shall be attended by the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University / Agricultural Engineering Department. For this, energisation will be provided as per G.O.Ms.241, Agriculture (WD1) Department, dated 12.9.2006.

5. The Government, after careful examination, accord approval for the detailed project proposal of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University for the year 2008-09 for Development of Clusters of Horticulture Crop / Bio Mass Tree Plantation in Drylands by Production Groups at a cost of Rs.364.78 lakhs for Development of 35 Clusters of Horticulture Crop / Bio Mass Tree Plantation in Drylands by Production Groups in patta dry lands (Punjai lands) of small and marginal farmers in eight districts in this year viz. Erode, Vellore, Trichy, Cuddalore, Sivaganga, Virudhunagar, Theni and Tirunelveli under National Agriculture Development Programme with farmers' contribution including reclamation of soil. Accordingly, the Government sanction a sum of Rs.364.78 lakhs (Rupees Three Crores Sixty four lakhs and seventy eight thousand only) Executive Director, Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency for Development of 35 Clusters of Horticulture Crop / Bio Mass Tree Plantation in Drylands by Production Groups in patta dry lands (Punjai lands) of small and marginal farmers in eight districts in this year viz. Erode, Vellore, Trichy, Cuddalore, Sivaganga, Virudhunagar, Theni and Tirunelveli under National Agriculture Development Programme with farmers' contribution including reclamation of soil as detailed in the Annexure I & II to this order, subject to the condition that under no circumstances any deviation from the decision of the State Level Sanctioning Committee is permitted and the amount sanctioned above for the

project is 100% grant-in-aid under National Agriculture Development Programme. For this project, the guidelines and cost norms will be followed in accordance with the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.241, Agriculture (WD1) Department, dated 12.9.2006, G.O.Ms.No.319, Agriculture (WD2) Department, dated 2.11.2006 and G.O.Ms.No.464, Agriculture (WD2) Department, dated 7.11.2007 and 10% of the cost will be borne by the beneficiaries in cash or kind including labour. The energisation will be done as per the guidelines issued in G.O.Ms.241, Agriculture (WD1) Department, dated 12.9.2006.

6. The Government direct that Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency shall implement the project with the assistance of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University and Agricultural Engineering Department including treatment of soil problems. The duration of the project is one year from the date of issue of this order.

7. The expenditure sanctioned in para 5 above, shall be debited under the Head of Account mentioned in Annexure II to this Order.

8. Necessary funds will be provided in the Revised Estimate / Final Modified Appropriation 2008-09. Pending provision of such funds, the Commissioner of Agriculture is authorized to draw and disburse the amount of Rs.364.78 lakhs to Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency sanctioned in para 5 above. The item of expenditure shall not constitute a New Instrument of service. However, it should be brought to the notice of Legislature by specific inclusion in Supplementary Estimates 2008-2009. The Commissioner of Agriculture is requested to include this expenditure while sending the budget proposal for Revised Estimate / Final Modified Appropriation 2008-2009 Supplementary Estimates 2008-2009 to Government in Finance Department without fail.

10. The amount sanctioned in para 5 above shall not be paid in cash but credited to the Personal Deposit account of the, Executive Director, Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency.

11. Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency shall be responsible for monitoring the implementation of the project.

12. The Executive Director, TAWDEVA, is requested to send the monthly progress report to Government of India, in the prescribed format by 10th of the subsequent month under intimation to this Government without fail.

13. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No. 521/SS(PK)/08 dated 13.11.2008 and Additional Sanction Ledger No. 1205 (One thousand two hundred and five)

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**SURJIT K.CHAUDHARY,
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION COMMISSIONER
AND PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.**

To

The Commissioner of Agriculture, Chennai – 5.
The Commissioner of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, Chennai-5
The Chief Engineer, (Agricultural Engineering), Chennai-35
The Executive Director, Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency, Chennai – 32.
The Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.
The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, Chennai-2.
The Joint Director of Agriculture, Coimbatore
The Joint Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture , Department of
Agriculture and Co-operation, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi – 110 001.
The Member-Secretary, State Planning Commission, Chennai – 5.
All District Collectors.
The Pay and Accounts officer, Chennai – 5 / Chennai – 35.
The Treasury Officer / Sub-Treasury Officer, Coimbatore
The Treasury Officer / Sub-Treasury Officer concerned
The Principal Accountant General, Chennai – 18 / By Name
The Principal Accountant General, Chennai – 35 / By Name

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ANNEXURE – I

FINANCIAL OUTLAY

(Rupees in lakhs)

Sl. No.	District	2008-09		Funding pattern	
		No. of clusters	Total Amount	90% (NADP)	10% (Contribution)
1	Erode	3	43.80	39.42	4.38
2	Vellore	3	43.80	39.42	4.38
3	Trichy	3	43.80	39.42	4.38
4	Cuddalore	3	43.80	39.42	4.38
5	Sivaganga	4	58.40	52.56	5.84
6	Virudhunagar	3	43.80	39.42	4.38
7	Theni	4	58.40	52.56	5.84
8	Tirunelveli	4	58.40	52.56	5.84
	Total (A)	27	394.20	354.78	39.42
9	Reclamation of alkaline soil (B)		10.00	10.00	-
	Grand total (A+B)		404.20	364.78	39.42

** For development of Clusters of Production Groups an average cost of Rs.29,990/- per acre has been proposed based on the approved cost norms.

ANNEXURE – II

Activities / Interventions	2401-00-Crop Husbandry – 800 Other Expenditure – Schemes in the Eleventh Five Year Plan – II State Plan – KF – National Agriculture Development Programme (NADP- RKVY) – Agriculture Department			Budget (Rs. in lakhs)
	Detailed head	Sub detailed	DPC	
Development of Clusters of Horticultural Crops/Biomass Tree plantations in Drylands(Punjai lands)by Production groups	09 Grants in aid	03 Grants for Specific Schemes	(2401 00 800 KF 0934)	364.78 0
			Total	364.78 0

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