



ABSTRACT

Agriculture - National Agriculture Development Programme (Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana – RKVY) - Implementation of project proposals for the year 2008-09 - Distribution of Leaf Colour Chart to SRI Farmers in Tamil Nadu under National Agriculture Development Programme – Sanctioned – Orders - Issued.

AGRICULTURE (AP 1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.335

Dated: 17.11.2008

Read:

1. From the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, letter No.7-1/2008-RKVY, dated 2.6.2008.
2. From the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation letter No.8-1/2008-RKVY, dated 26.6.2008.
3. Government letter No.31646/AP1(2)/08-10, Agriculture (AP1) Department, dated 3.10.2008.
4. 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 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.

3. A project proposal for implementation of Distribution of Leaf Colour Chart to SRI Farmers in Tamil Nadu has been submitted in the Third State Level Sanctioning Committee meeting held on 23.9.2008 and the State Level Sanctioning Committee has approved the above project proposal during the year 2008-09 at a cost of Rs.45.00 lakhs. Accordingly, the Commissioner of Agriculture has submitted detailed proposals for distribution of Leaf Colour Chart. Leaf Colour Chart (L.C.C) is a simple, innovative and cost effective tool for real time nitrogen management in paddy. Leaf Colour Chart will help farmers to visually assess the need for nitrogen and apply fertilizer at the right time and right amount when crops are in need of it which is economical and gives the maximum yields. The Commissioner of Agriculture has also informed that procurement of Leaf Colour Charts will be done by calling open tender. He has also stated that the training of farmers on the usage of Leaf Colour Chart will be given through FTC Training Programme and will be distributed to the southern districts through the concerned Joint Directors of Agriculture.

4. The Government, after careful examination, accord approval for the detailed project proposal of the Commissioner of Agriculture for the year 2008-09 for Distribution of Leaf Colour Chart to SRI Farmers in Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.45.00 lakhs subject to the condition that under no circumstances, any deviation of State Level Sanctioning Committee shall be permitted. Accordingly, the Government sanction a sum of Rs.45.00 lakhs (Rupees Forty five lakhs only) for distribution of Leaf Colour Chart to SRI Farmers in southern districts of Tamil Nadu as mentioned below:

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Leaf Colour Chart to be Distributed in Nos.	Financial Allocation in Rs.
1.	Sivagangai	10,000	3,00,000
2.	Ramnad	10,000	3,00,000
3.	Madurai	35,000	10,50,000
4.	Dindigul	10,000	3,00,000
5.	Theni	10,000	3,00,000
6.	Virudhunagar	20,000	6,00,000
7.	Tirunelveli	35,000	10,50,000
8.	Tuticorin	10,000	3,00,000
9.	Nagercoil	10,000	3,00,000
	Total	1,50,000	45,00,000

5. The Government permit the Commissioner of Agriculture to procure Leaf Colour Charts by calling open tender and to give training to the farmers on the usage of Leaf Colour Chart through FTC Training Programme and to distribute them through concerned Joint Directors of Agriculture. The Commissioner of Agriculture shall be

responsible for monitoring and implementation of the project and the duration of the project is one year. The expenditure sanctioned in para 4 above shall be debited to the head of account as detailed in the Annexure to this order.

6. 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 sanctioned in para 4 above. This expenditure shall not constitute a New Instrument of service. However, it should be brought to the notice of Legislature by specific inclusion in Supplementary Estimate 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 to Government in Finance Department without fail.

7. The Government direct the Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency – the Nodal Agency to prescribe benchmarks for outcomes, milestones with time lines and monitor the outcomes to ensure that implementing agencies adhere to them.

8. The Government instruct the Executive Director, Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency 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.

9. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No. 516/SS(PK)/Agriculture /08 dated 12.11.2008 and Additional Sanction Ledger No.1195 (One thousand one hundred and ninety five)

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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To

The Commissioner of Agriculture, Chennai – 5.

The Executive Director, Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency, Chennai – 32.

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

Copy to :

The Secretary to Chief Minister's Monitoring Cell, Chennai-9.

The Special Personal Assistant to Minister for Agriculture, Chennai-9.

The Planning Development and Special Initiatives Department, Chennai – 9.

The Animal Husbandry Dairying and Fisheries Department, Chennai – 9.

The Public Works Department, Chennai – 9.

The Environment and Forests Department, Chennai – 9.

The Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, Chennai-9

The Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Chennai-9

The Finance (Agriculture / BG.I / B.G. II) (B. Coord) Department, Chennai-9.

All Sections in Agriculture Department, Chennai - 9.

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ANNEXURE

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			Rs. in lakhs
	Detailed head	Sub detailed	DPC	
Distribution of Leaf Color Charts to the Rice growing Farmers of Southern Districts	11 subsidies	01 Individual Based subsidy	(2401 00 800 KF 1111)	45.000
Total				45.000

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