



ABSTRACT

Agriculture - National Agriculture Development Programme (Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana – RKVY) - Implementation of project proposals for the year 2008-09 - Establishment of Agri Clinic cum Mini Soil Testing Laboratories under National Agriculture Development Programme – Sanctioned – Orders - Issued.

AGRICULTURE (AP 1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.339

Dated: 17.11.2008

Read:

1. G.O.Ms.No.82, 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.716.80 lakhs for the year 2007-2008 under National Agriculture Development Programme for establishment of 224 Agri Clinic cum Mini Soil Testing Laboratories in Tamilnadu in all the 129 blocks of 9 focus districts viz., Perambalur, Salem, Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri, Namakkal, Dindugal, Ramnad, Villupuram, and Coimbatore and 5 blocks each in the remaining 19 districts of Tamil Nadu state at a cost of Rs.6.00 lakhs / unit

with back ended subsidy of Rs.3.00 lakhs each through tie-up loan with commercial banks to provide the advisory service on crop selection, agricultural inputs, best farming practices and marketing of farm produce apart from facilitating custom hiring of farm machineries and diagnosis and remediation of nutrient disorder in crops.

3. In the letter second read above, the Government of India have allocated an amount of Rs.140.38 crores for the year 2008-2009 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. A project proposal for establishment Agri Clinic cum Mini Soil Testing Laboratories in the remaining 161 blocks of 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 project proposal for establishment Agri Clinic cum Mini Soil Testing Laboratories in Tamil Nadu during the year 2008-09 at a cost of Rs.515.20 lakhs.

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 Establishment of Agri Clinic cum Mini Soil Testing Laboratories in Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.515.20 lakhs in 161 blocks in different districts as indicated in the Annexure-I and II to this order. Accordingly, the Government sanction a sum of Rs.515.20 lakhs (Rupees Five crores fifteen lakhs and twenty thousand only) for the Establishment of Agri Clinic cum Mini Soil Testing Laboratories in Tamil Nadu in 161 blocks as detailed in Annexure I & II to the implementing agencies viz., Department of Agriculture and Tamil Nadu Agricultural University as detailed below subject to the condition that under no circumstances any deviation from the decision of the State Level Sanctioning Committee is permitted. The amount sanctioned above for the project is 100% grant-in-aid under National Agriculture Development Programme.

1. Department of Agriculture	Rs.499.10 lakhs
2. Tamil Nadu Agricultural University	Rs. 16.10 lakhs

Total	Rs.515.20 lakhs

6. The expenditure sanctioned in para 5 above, shall be debited under the respective Heads of Account mentioned in Annexure III to this Order.

7. The Commissioner of Agriculture is authorized to draw and disburse the amount of Rs.499.10 lakhs (Rupees Four crores ninety nine lakhs and ten thousand only) allocated to him and he is also authorized to draw the amount of Rs.16.10 lakhs (Rupees sixteen lakhs Ten thousand only) and disburse it to the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University through a crossed cheque with due acknowledgement.

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 sanctioned in para 5 above. The expenditure shall not constitute a new instrument of service. However, this should be brought to the legislature by specific inclusion in Supplementary Estimates 2008-09. The Commissioner of Agriculture, the Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University are requested to include this expenditure while sending the budget proposal for Revised Estimate / Final Modified Appropriation 2008-09 and Supplementary Estimates 2008-09 to Government in Finance Department without fail.

9. The duration of the project is one year from the date of issue of Government Order. The Project shall be implemented by Tamil Nadu Agricultural University with the assistance of Department of Agriculture. The unemployed graduates of agriculture discipline (Agriculture/Horticulture/Forestry/Agricultural Engineering/Animal Husbandry), retired Technical Officers in the State/Central Department of Agriculture and retired scientists of State Agriculture Universities / Indian Council of Agricultural Research Institutions etc., (applicable for the retirement period of last four years), Diploma holders in Agriculture /Horticulture/Agricultural Engineering and Primary Agricultural Cooperative Banks will be considered for the setting up the Agri Clinic cum Mini Soil Testing Laboratories at each block. The qualification prescribed above shall be applicable to the Establishment of Agri Clinic cum Mini Soil Testing Laboratories for 224 blocks sanctioned in Government Order first read above. The Department of Agriculture shall identify the entrepreneurs in close co-ordination with the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University and the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University shall impart training on the analytical and technical skills for the establishment of Agri Clinic cum Mini Soil Testing Laboratories. The Tamil Nadu Agricultural University shall be responsible for the technical and quality control and monitor the implementation of the Project.

10. TAWDEVA – the Nodal Agency shall prescribe benchmarks for outcomes, milestones with time lines and monitor the outcomes to ensure that implementing agencies adhere to them and meet the implementation of the project.

11. 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.

12. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No.505/SS(PK)/08, dated 13.11.2008 and Additional Sanction Ledger No. 1209 [One thousand two hundred and Nine]

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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

To

The Commissioner of Agriculture, Chennai – 5.

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

The Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.

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

All Sections in Agriculture Department, Chennai 9.

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ANNEXURE – I

BUDGET ABSTRACT FOR THE SECOND PHASE (2008-09)

(Rupees in lakhs)

S.No.	Activity schedule	Dept. of Agriculture	TNAU
1	Selection of private entrepreneurs		
1.1	Open advertisement and receipt of applications from entrepreneurs	√	--
1.2	Screening of applications for eligibility	√	
1.3	Selection of suitable candidates for selected blocks	√	
1.4	Approval of the bank loan – tie up with commercial banks	√	--
2	Setting up of Agri clinic cum mini STL		
2.1	Guidelines for the setting up of the Agri clinic and mini STLs	--	√
2.2	Monitoring of the establishment of the centre and periodical reporting on the activities	√	--
2.3	Release of back ended subsidy to the entrepreneurs	483.00	--
3	Training		
3.1	Analytical techniques and interpretation of the results	--	16.10
4	Monitoring the activity of the Agri clinic cum mini STL		
4.1	Issue of guidelines for monitoring	--	√
4.2	Periodical visits and monitoring	16.10	--
	Total	499.10	16.10
	Total project cost	515.20	

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Annexure – II

Project cost and financing

Details	Budget Rupees in lakhs
a) Establishment cost of 161 Agri Clinic cum Mini STLs in the selected 9 districts (subsidy @ Rs.3.00 lakhs per Agri Clinic cum Mini STL)	483.00
b) Monitoring - Agri Clinic cum Mini STLs (Department of Agriculture, Government of Tamil Nadu)	16.10
c) Training (Tamil Nadu Agricultural University)	16.10
Grand Total	515.20

Annexure – III

Department of Agriculture

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	
Release of Back ended subsidy to entrepreneurs	11 subsidies	01 Individual Based subsidy	(2401 00 800 KF 1111)	386.400
Periodical visits and monitoring	45 POL		(2401 00 800 KF 4501)	16.100
			Total	402.500

Activities / Interventions	2401-00-Crop Husbandry – 789 JK – National Agriculture Development Programme (NADP- RKVY) under Special Component Plan - Agriculture Department			(Rs. in lakhs)
	Detailed head	Sub detailed	DPC	
Release of Back ended subsidy to entrepreneurs	11 subsidies	01 Individual Based subsidy	(2401 00 789 JK 1118)	96.600
			Total	96.600
			Grand Total	499.100

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University

2415 – Agricultural Research and Education - 01-Crop Husbandry – 120 – Assistance to other Institutions – Schemes in the Eleventh Five year Plan – II State Plan – JD – Grants to Tamil Nadu Agricultural University – Schemes under National Agriculture Development Programme (NADP-RKVY) – 09 –Grants-in-aid – 03 Grants for specific schemes (DPC 2415- 01-120-JD-0934)	Rs.16.10 lakhs
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