

ABSTRACT

Agriculture - National Agriculture Development Programme (Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana – RKVY) - Implementation of project proposals approved by State Level Sanctioning Committee in the meeting held on 15.12.2007 - Detailed project proposal submitted by Tamil Nadu Agricultural University for Establishment of Agri Clinic cum Mini Soil Testing Laboratories in Tamil Nadu - Orders - issued.

AGRICULTURE (AP 1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.82

Dated:3.3.2008

Read:

1. G.O.Ms. No. 424, Agriculture (AP IV) Dated 23.10.2007.
2. From the Joint Secretary to Government of India,
M.O.A, New Delhi D.O.No.2-12/2007-PC (PT) dated 06.11.2007.
3. From the Government of India, MOA, DOAC,
Lr.No.8(1)/2007– Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana
(RKVY) dated 23.11.2007.
4. From the Executive Director, TAWDEVA,
Lr.No.3231/ TAWDEVA/ 2007 dated 28.01.2008.
5. From the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture,
Department of Agriculture & Co-operation,
New Delhi Letter No.1-2/2007 (RKVY) dated 1.2.2008

The Government of India have 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 Agricultural 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. The Government of India have allocated an amount of Rs.185.31crores under National Agricultural Development Programme (RKVY) to this state and released an amount of Rs.150.70 crores for implementation of projects under Stream-I of National Agricultural Development Programme (RKVY) for Agriculture and allied sectors for the year 2007-2008. This is 100% grant of the Government for the Programme.

3. The State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) for National Agricultural Development Programme (RKVY) was constituted under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to sanction project proposal under Stream-I vide G.O. first read above as per the guidelines of RKVY. In the above said G.O. the TAWDEVA has also been nominated as State Nodal Agency.

4. The first meeting of SLSC was held on 15.12.2007 to consider and sanction the project proposals under Stream-I in respect of Agriculture and allied sectors as submitted by Executive Director, TAWDEVA, and the committee accorded approval for the proposals of Agriculture and allied sectors with its observations. In accordance with the observations of the State Level Sanctioning Committee, the TNAU has submitted its detailed projects reports through TAWDEVA for approval and the project proposal relates to establishment of Agri Clinic cum Mini Soil Testing Laboratories in Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.716.80 lakhs. In Tamil Nadu, the declining soil organic matter, imbalanced nutrition and multi nutrient deficiencies are noticed in majority of the soils and as an intervention, the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has proposed for establishment of Mini Soil Testing Laboratories in all the 129 Blocks of 9 focused districts, viz., Perambalur, Salem, Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri, Namakkal, Dindigul, Ramanathapuram, Villupuram and Coimbatore and 95 blocks of 19 other districts @ 5 blocks each totaling 224 blocks. The unemployed Agricultural Graduates will be motivated to set up these centres at a cost of Rs.6 lakhs per unit with 50% back ended subsidy, through tie-up loan with commercial banks. These Mini Soil Testing Laboratories will test the soil pH, EC, soil nutrients, quality testing of irrigation water and the Soil Health Cards will be issued with recommendations on soil-crop based integrated nutrient management, advice on reclamation of problem soils and management of poor quality water. The Agri Clinic will also give advisory service on crop selection, agricultural inputs, best farming practices, value addition, marketing, crop insurance and credit access and also facilitate custom hiring of farm machineries. The cost chargeable per sample for soil / water analysis will be Rs.50/- and on an average of Rs.15,000/- per month will be the normal revenue for the entrepreneurs. The Tamil Nadu Agricultural University will give technical advice periodically.

5. The Government, after careful examination, accord approval for the detailed project proposal of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University for establishment of Agri Clinic cum Mini Soil Testing Laboratories in Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.716.80 lakhs (Rupees Seven crores sixteen lakhs and eighty thousand only) as indicated in the Annexure to this order Accordingly, they sanction funds to the implementing agencies viz., Department of Agriculture and Tamil Nadu Agricultural University as given below:

1. Department of Agriculture (Rupees Six crores Ninety four lakhs and forty thousand only)	Rs.694.40 lakhs
2. Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (Rupees Twenty two lakhs and forty thousand only)	Rs. 22.40 lakhs
Total	Rs.716.80 lakhs

The amount sanctioned to Tamil Nadu Agricultural University is grants-in-aid for 2007-08 under this programme.

6. The expenditure sanctioned in para 5 above, shall be debited under the following head of account

- i. 2401-00-Crop Husbandry – 800 Other Expenditure – Schemes in the Eleventh Five Year Plan – III Centrally Sponsored – SB – National Agriculture Development Programme – Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) – Agriculture Department – 11 Subsidies – 01 – IBS - (2401-00-800-SB-1115)
45 POL (2401-00-800-SB-4505)
- ii. 2415 – Agricultural Research and Education
01-Crop Husbandry – 120 – Assistance to other Institutions – III Centrally Sponsored – SA – Grants to Tamil Nadu Agricultural University - Scheme under National Agriculture Development Programme – Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)
09- Grants-in-aid – 03 Grants for specific schemes (DPC 2415-01-120-SA-0931)

7. The Director of Agriculture is the estimating, reconciling and controlling authority for the above new sub-head of account. The Pay and Accounts Officer / Treasury Officer concerned is requested to open the new sub-head of account in their accounts.

8. The expenditure sanctioned in para 5 above shall be constituted an item of New Service for which the approval of the Legislature will be obtained in due course. Pending approval of legislature, the expenditure shall initially be met by an advance from the Contingency Fund of Tamil Nadu. The sanction of which will be made by Finance (BG-I) Department, separately based on application in the prescribed format from the Director of Agriculture along with the copy of the order. He is also instructed to send necessary explanatory notes to include the above expenditure in the Final supplementary estimates 2007-08 at the appropriate time 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 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. Under no circumstances, any deviation from the decision of SLSC shall be permitted.

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.

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. 63/SS/PK/08 Dated 27.02.2008 and ASL No.1917 (One thousand nine hundred and seventeen only).

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

SURJIT K. CHAUDHARY,
Agricultural Production Commissioner and
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, TAWDEVA, Chennai – 32.

The Vice Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore.

Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Science University,
Chennai – 52.

Director of Animal Husbandry, Chennai - 6

Director of Fisheries, Chennai – 6

The Joint Director of Agriculture, Coimbatore

The Joint Secretary to Government of India, MOA, Dept, of Agriculture and
Co-operation, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi – 110 001.

The Member-Secretary, State Planning Commission, Chennai – 5.
The Pay and Accounts officer, Chennai – 5 / Chennai – 35.
The Treasury Officer / Sub-Treasury Officer, Coimbatore
The Treasury Officer / Sub-Treasury Officer concerned.
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ANNEXURE

**I. Establishment of Agri Clinic cum Mini Soil Testing Laboratories
Budget Abstract (Rs. in lakhs)**

	Activity schedule	Department of Agriculture	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University
1	Selection of private entrepreneurs		
1.1	Selection of Local unemployed agricultural graduates. (Preference: Agrl. entrepreneurship trainees)	√	--
1.2	Approval of the bank loan – tie up with commercial banks	√	--
2	Setting up of Agriclinic cum mini STL		
2.1	Guidelines for the setting up of the agriclinic and mini STLs	--	√
2.2	Monitoring of the establishment of the centre and periodical reporting on the activities	√	--
2.3	Release of bank ended subsidy (50 %) to the entrepreneurs	672.00	--
3	Training		
3.1	Analytical techniques and interpretation of the results	--	22.40
4	Monitoring the activity of the agriclinic cum mini STL		
4.1	Issue of guidelines for monitoring	--	√
4.2	Periodical visits and monitoring	22.40	--
	Total	694.40	22.40
	Total project cost	716.80	

II. Project cost and financing**Rs. in lakhs**

a) Establishment cost of	
i) 129 Agri Clinic cum Mini STLs in the selected 9 districts (Coimbatore, Dharmapuri, Dindigul, Krishnagiri, Namakkal, Perambalur (Ariyalur), Ramnad, Salem and Villupuram) – 1 in each Block - 50% back ended subsidy - 129 X Rs.3.00 lakhs	387.00
ii) 95 Agri Clinic cum mini STLS in remaining 19 districts (Cuddalore, Erode, Pudukottai, Kanyakumari, Karur, Kancheepuram, Madurai, Nagapattinam, Sivaganga, Thanjavur, Theni, Trichy, Tirunelveli, Tiruvallur, Tiruvannamalai, Tiruvarur, Tuticorin, Vellore, Virudhunagar) – 50% back ended subsidy - 95 X Rs.3.00 lakhs	285.00
b) Monitoring - Agriclinic cum Mini STLs	22.40
c) Training	22.40
Total	716.80