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CHIEF SECRETARIAT

(AGRICULTURE AND FORESTS)

(G.O. Ms. No. 7/Ag., Puducherry, dated 18th July 2017)

NOTIFICATION

The Hon'ble Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry is pleased to approve the Guidelines for the project "Assistance to the farmers for erecting pandal system for cultivating gourds vegetables" under RKVY programme for implementation in the Union territory of Puducherry as appended to this order.

2. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Department *vide* I.D No. 1463/FC/FD/F5/A3/2017, dated 27-6-2017.

(By order)

M. SARATHI,
Deputy Secretary to Government
(Agriculture and Forests).

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GUIDELINES FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE FARMERS
FOR ERECTING PERMANENT PANDAL FOR CULTIVATING
GOURDS VEGETABLES

I. Introduction

Vegetables are used for domestic consumption and processing into various products. Vegetables are excellent source of vitamins and minerals such as calcium iron besides proteins and carbohydrates. Vegetables are known to be the cheapest source of natural protective tools check undernourishment.

Pandal vegetables, *viz.*, bitter gourd, snake gourd, ribbed gourd, bottle gourd, pandal avarai are mostly short duration crops and fit very well in the intensive cropping system. It offers viable option for the growers to get increased income per unit area. These vegetables can be grown on commercial scale and are capable of giving high yields and high economic returns to the growers. The cultivation of pandal vegetables are constrained due to high initial investment cost for erecting pandal. Hence, farmers need to be encouraged for establishing pandal structure and cultivating crops (Pandal vegetables)

II. Objectives

1. To enhance the area under pandal vegetables and improve their production potentials.
2. To provide monetary assistance for the cultivators who grow vegetable crops under pandal system.

III. Pattern of Assistance

Assistance at 50% subsidy subject to a maximum of ₹ 1,00,000 per acre for erection of permanent pandal.

IV. Specifications

1. Stone/concrete post of 8 ft. height, fixing the post at 12.5 ft. distance along the periphery/fence with support pillar at every 10th Pole or at each turning/bend and at 25 ft. distance internally.
2. Fixing 4 gauge metal strings with connecting the outer stone post and with 8 gauge metal strings for connecting the internal stone posts.
3. Providing netting inside the trellis with 16 gauge metal string.

V. Eligibility Criteria of Beneficiaries:

1. The assistance under this project will be provided to all category of farmers who are having land belonging to them in the Union territory of Puducherry upon submission of prescribed application for subsidy.

2. Tenants are also eligible to receive the financial assistance by providing authenticated proof of land holding.

3. In case of any dispute, either before the Revenue Court or in Civil Court, the release of subsidy will be subject to outcome of the judgment of the Court.

4. In case of deceased applicant if any, the subsidy will be released to the legal heirs upon production of legal heir certificate.

5. The beneficiary should obtain the farmers Identity Card issued by the Department of Agriculture and attach a copy of it, wherever necessary,

6. Subsidy will be extended only to the farmers cultivating gourds vegetables.

7. The subsidy will be extended to a land holding with minimum size of 00.20.00 ha. and a maximum of 01.00.00 ha. per individual farmer.

8. Water supply to the field should be ensured.

9. Preference will be given to the farmers who adopt drip irrigation system.

10. Subsidy will not be extended towards any encroached Poromboke/Government land.

VI. Documents to be submitted for Establishing Eligibility

1. Revenue Certificate obtained from the Officer of the Revenue Department not below the rank of Deputy Tahsildar.

2. Photo copy of new Farmer Identity Card/Land Holding Document.

3. Photo copy of Aadhaar Card/Family Ration Card.

4. Photo copy of FMB.

5. Affidavit by the beneficiary in the prescribed Form that he/she shall be responsible for methodology of the erection of the pandal and shall take up cultivation of vegetables on the pandal for a minimum period of 5 years from date of release of subsidy and shall not sell the land to any other person and shall not convert the land for any other purpose other than gourds vegetables cultivation. In default, the entire amount of subsidy assistance awarded should be remitted back to Government Account by following the due procedure.

6. Aadhaar Linked Savings Bank Account Number with photo copy of the Passbook (First Page).

VII. Modus Operandi

1. The Department of Agriculture will make adequate publicity through Mass Media, Uzhavar Udhaviyagam and Departmental website and create awareness among the farmers about this component of assistance for pandal cultivation. To avail this subsidy, the farmers of Puducherry Union Territory would be advised to get the prescribed application from the Office of the Additional Director of Agriculture (Horticulture)/Additional Director of Agriculture, Karaikal/Deputy Director of Agriculture, Mahe/Deputy Director of Agriculture, Yanam or through official website and further advised to submit the duly filled in application to the concerned section.

2. On receipt of the application, entries will be made in the application receipt register and a seniority number would be assigned.

3. The applications shall be scrutinized by the Agricultural Officer (Horticulture/Uzhavar Udaviyagam) concerned. After scrutiny of the application, a certificate to the effect shall be submitted to the Office of the Additional Director of Agriculture (Horticulture)/Additional Director of Agriculture, Karaikal through Joint Director of Agriculture/Deputy Director of Agriculture, Mahe/Deputy Director of Agriculture, Yanam, for selection.

4. The Selection Committee headed by Additional Director of Agriculture (Horticulture), Joint Director of Agriculture (MCP) and Deputy Director of Agriculture (Horticulture) in respect of Puducherry/ Additional Director of Agriculture, Karaikal, Joint Director of Agriculture and Deputy Director of Agriculture concerned in respect of Karaikal shall verify the application with relevant documents. In case of Mahe and Yanam, Deputy Director of Agriculture may constitute the Committee for this purpose. The beneficiary list shall be subjected to social audit under the supervision of Deputy Director of Agriculture concerned and the final list of beneficiary shall be approved by the Selection Committee.

5. Field inspection shall be carried out by the Sub-committee consisting of the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Horticulture/Inputs), Deputy Director (Agricultural Engineering), Agricultural Officer (Horticulture/Uzhavar Udhaviyagam) and Agricultural Officer (Engineering).

6. After completion of the field inspection, the Sub-committee shall furnish a detailed report covering all aspects and after approval of the Committee Members, work order will be issued to the farmers to go ahead with the erection of pandal.

7. The work of erection of pandal will be executed by the farmers themselves under the supervision of Agricultural Engineering Wing.

8. The beneficiary shall submit the bills for the actual cost incurred in erection of pandal which will be scrutinized by the Sub-committee.

9. Field inspection will be carried out by the said team and after ascertaining the actual field measurement, the financial assistance will be recommended by the said Sub-committee. The subsidy would be sanctioned and released as per the pattern of assistance under the rules.

10. Sanctioned amount will be disbursed to the individual beneficiaries Aadhaar Linked Savings Bank Account through Electronic Clearing System mode.

11. The Selection Committee shall be the Competent Authority to determine the eligible quantum of subsidy admissible, not exceeding the prescribed limit and also eligibility of the beneficiary.

VIII. Monitoring/Evaluation

The scheme shall be monitored by the concerned Joint Director of Agriculture and Deputy Director of Agriculture. Evaluation and appraisal report to be made by the deputed officer periodically and also the effectiveness of the scheme shall be monitored.

IX. Interpretation and Doubts

If, any doubt arises, in the matter of implementation of the scheme, the decision of the Secretary to Government (Agriculture) shall be the final.

M. SARATHI,
Deputy Secretary to Government
(Agriculture and Forests).
