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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
CHIEF SECRETARIAT
(AGRICULTURE AND FOREST)

(G.O. Ms. No. 1/Ag., Puducherry, dated 5th April 2018)

NOTIFICATION

In supersession of the G.O. Ms.No. 16/Ag., dated 6th August 2007 and G.O. Ms. No. 26/Ag., dated 5th February 2014 of Chief Secretariat (Agriculture and Forest), Puducherry, the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor of Puducherry is conveyed for better implementation of the Scheme for "Development, Harvesting, Recharging and Conservation of Ground Water" for grant of assistance to general farmers towards sinking of tubewells/filter points and for installation of suitable submersible/centrifugal motor pumpsets with accessories in the Union territory of Puducherry, is hereby modified as appended to this Order, with effect from the financial year 2018-19.

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This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department, Puducherry *vide* their I.D. N.0.1758/FC/FD/F5/A3/2018, dated 5-3-2018.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

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

SCHEME FOR GRANT OF SUBSIDY ASSISTANCE TO GENERAL FARMERS FOR SINKING TUBEWELL

Sector : Minor Irrigation

Name of the Scheme : Integrated Scheme for development, harvesting, recharging and conservation of ground water.

1. *Name of the Component.*— Grant of 65% subsidy to General farmers towards construction of tubewell/filter point in the Union territory of Puducherry subject to a maximum of ₹ 1.50 lakhs per tubewell/filter point per individual.

2. *Eligibility.*— (i) The applicant must obtain necessary PERMIT to sink a new/replacement tubewell/filter point, from Pondicherry Ground Water Authority, Puducherry.

(ii) Tubewell/Filter point should have been constructed through departmental power rig/hand bore set or should have been constructed with No Objection Certificate of Agriculture Department for engaging private drilling machinery registered with Pondicherry Ground Water Authority under departmental supervision.

(iii) The applicant should hold a minimum of 1.5 acre of land under the command area of the tubewell/filter point to be constructed and the applicant should have the ownership of the land at least for 2 years and should have a clear ownership title deed in his/her name. The eligible land holding of 1.5 acre should be in favour of the applicant farmer or in favour of the spouse or in favour of the member of a joint/undivided family.

(iv) The farmers who have already availed themselves of the subsidy for the said purpose within a period of 5 years are not entitled to any benefit under this Scheme.

(v) The casing pipes should have BIS certificate and should have been purchased from authorised Dealer/M/s. PASIC Ltd.

(vi) The applicant should not convert the lands for a minimum period of 10 years from the date of construction of the tubewell/filter point to any other purpose other than agriculture and should execute a Bond accordingly.

3. *Calling of application.*— (i) Advertisement inviting application will be published in local leading Tamil dailies.

(ii) The eligible farmer, after successful completion of the tubewell/filter point construction work under departmental supervision, subsidy applications may be had from the Office of the Hydrogeologist-II, State Ground Water Unit and Soil Conservation, Thattanchavady, Puducherry-605 009 or from the Office of the Additional Director of Agriculture, Karaikal or can be downloaded from the website of the Department.

4. *Submission of application.*— (i) The farmers of Puducherry region should submit the subsidy application in the prescribed Form duly filled in with all the details, directly at the Office of the Hydrogeologist-II, State Ground Water Unit and Soil Conservation, Thattanchavady, Puducherry-605 009 and the farmers of Karaikal region should submit the subsidy application at the Office of the Additional Director of Agriculture, Karaikal within 90 days from the date of completion of the tubewell/filter point construction work.

(ii) The subsidy application should be accompanied by the following certificates/documents:

(a) The certificate for the ownership of the land issued by an officer not below the rank of the Deputy Tahsildar.

(b) The copy of the PERMIT obtained from Pondicherry Ground Water Authority, Puducherry to sink a New/Replacement tubewell/filter point.

(c) The tubewell/filter point Registration Certificate issued by Pondicherry Ground Water Authority, Puducherry or in case of new service connection, the copy of energisation letter obtained from Pondicherry Ground Water Authority, Puducherry.

(d) If, the tubewell/filter point was constructed by deploying private machinery means, (i) Copy of NOC issued by competent authority and (ii) Copy of the Licence for the private machinery issued by the Pondicherry Ground Water Authority, Puducherry.

(e) Original bills for the expenses incurred towards the construction of tubewell/filter point (or) in case of those who have availed themselves of Bank loan, attested copy of the original bills, and certificate from the Bank to that effect.

(f) Copy of Aadhaar Card, Farmers Identity Card, Bank Passbook front page.

5. *Registration and processing of application.*— On receipt of the application, necessary entries will be made in the application receipt register and seniority number assigned to the applicant for identifying each applicant which shall be used for all further references and also an acknowledgment for the receipt of the application will be issued to the applicant.

6. *Committee to verify the genuinity of the claims/vouchers and approval of beneficiaries.*— For scrutinizing farmers subsidy applications of Puducherry region, a Committee consisting of:

(i) The Head of Office , State Ground Water Unit and Soil Conservation, (ii) The Deputy Director(AE) in-charge of drilling machineries , State Ground Water Unit and Soil Conservation and (iii) Agricultural Officer (Engg.) in-charge of drilling machineries, State Ground Water Unit and Soil Conservation will examine the vouchers/bills submitted by farmers to ascertain the genuineness and recommend for release of subsidy.

For scrutinizing farmers subsidy applications of Karaikal region, a Committee consisting of

(i) The Additional Director of Agriculture, Karaikal, (ii) The Deputy Director(AE), Karaikal and (iii) Agricultural Officer (Engg.) in-charge of the subsidy Scheme will examine the vouchers/bills submitted by farmers to ascertain the genuineness and recommend for release of subsidy.

Approval of Joint Director (AE)/Additional Director (AE) shall be obtained for selection of beneficiaries under the Scheme.

7. *Mode of execution of tubewells and release of subsidy.*— (i) In the first instance, the applicant must obtain the mandatory PERMIT for the construction of new/replacement tubewell from the Pondicherry Ground Water Authority, Puducherry.

(ii) The applicants of Puducherry region should approach the Office of the Hydrogeologist-II, State Ground Water Unit and Soil Conservation, Thattanchavady, Puducherry-605 009 and the applicants of Karaikal region should approach the Office of the Additional Director of Agriculture, Karaikal towards the construction of tubewell by deploying departmental machinery.

(iii) (a) Applicants of Puducherry region, who wants to construct a tubewell through private machinery should approach the Office of the Hydrogeologist-II, State Ground Water Unit and Soil Conservation, Thattanchavady, Puducherry-605 009, for getting NOC and the applicants of Karaikal region, who wants to construct a tubewell through private machinery should approach the Office of the Additional Director of Agriculture, Karaikal for getting NOC.

(b) After obtaining NOC, the farmer has to construct a tubewell by deploying private machinery which is registered with Pondicherry Ground Water Authority, Puducherry.

(c) Inspection will be conducted by Agricultural Officer (Engg.) concerned at the time of the construction of the tubewell to ascertain the details of pipes and other materials used.

(iv) The brand of pipes is left to the choice of the applicant but, pipes should be BIS certified, and should have been purchased either from PASIC or from the list of authorised dealer.

(v) The total cost incurred towards the construction of the tubewell shall be taken into account for calculation of the subsidy and 65% of the total cost subject to a maximum of ₹ 1.50 lakhs will be released.

8. *Approval of beneficiaries.*— Approval of Joint Director(A.E)/ Additional Director (A.E) shall be obtained for selection of beneficiaries under the Scheme.

9. *Recovery/Cancellation of subsidy.*— The beneficiaries so selected, should submit an Affidavit signed before a Notary Public to the effect that the abovesaid land is under his/her possession, he/she will not sell, mortgage or transfer the lands to any other person for a period of 10 years and that he/she will not convert the land for any other purpose other than agriculture and in case, if, he/she is found to have not abided by the terms, he/she will be liable for such course of legal action by the Government for breach of any of the conditions of the Schemes besides facing recovery/cancellation of subsidy.

10. *Payment of subsidy.*— The subsidy amount shall be released through Electronic Clearing System (ECS) if, the applicant has undertaken the construction with his/her own fund. In case, he/she has availed himself/herself loan from the Nationalised Bank/Co-operative Bank towards construction of the tubewell, the subsidy amount shall be remitted into the Bank against the loan account of the beneficiary.

11. *Interpretation and clarification.*— In the implementation of the scheme, if, any doubt arises with regard to the interpretation of any of the provisions of Schemes or if, any point requires clarification, the matter shall be referred to the Secretary in-charge of Agriculture and the decision of the Secretary in-charge of Agriculture shall be final.

**SCHEME FOR GRANT OF SUBSIDY ASSISTANCE TO
GENERAL FARMERS FOR INSTALLATION OF SUBMERSIBLE/
CENTRIFUGAL MOTOR PUMPSETS WITH ACCESSORIES**

Sector : Minor Irrigation

Name of the Scheme : Integrated Scheme for development, harvesting, recharging and conservation of ground water.

1. *Name of the Component.*— Grant of 65% subsidy to General farmers in the Union territory of Puducherry towards the installation of suitable Submersible/Centrifugal motor pumpsets with accessories subject to a maximum of ₹ 50,000 per tubewell per individual.

2. *Eligibility.*— (i) The tubewell in which the submersible/centrifugal motor pumpsets is going to be erected should have got registered in Pondicherry Ground Water Authority, Puducherry.

(ii) The applicant should hold a minimum of 1.5 acre of land under the command area of the tubewell to be constructed and the applicant should have the ownership of the land at least for 2 years and should have a clear ownership title deed in his/her name. The eligible land holding of 1.5 acre should be in favour of the applicant farmer or in favour of the spouse or in favour of the member of a joint/undivided family.

(iii) The farmers who have already availed themselves of the subsidy for the said purpose within a period of 5 years are not entitled to any benefit under this Scheme.

(iv) The applicant should not convert the lands for a minimum period of 10 years from the date of construction of the tubewell/filter point to any other purpose other than agriculture and should execute a Bond accordingly.

3. *Calling of application.*— (i) Advertisement inviting application will be published in local leading Tamil dailies.

(ii) Applications may be had from the Office of the Hydrogeologist-II, State Ground Water Unit and Soil Conservation, Thattanchavady, Puducherry-605 009 (or) from the Office of the Additional Director of Agriculture, Karaikal (or) can be downloaded from the website of the Department.

4. *Submission of application.*— (i) This Scheme is purely a backend subsidy Scheme. The eligible farmer should complete erection of the submersible/centrifugal motor pumpsets work under the supervision of the department officials to ascertain the installation of submersible/centrifugal motor pumpsets and accessories and recommended horse power.

(ii) The farmers of Puducherry region should submit the subsidy application in the prescribed Form duly filled in with all the details, directly at the Office of the Hydrogeologist-II, State Ground Water Unit and Soil Conservation, Thattanchavady, Puducherry-605 009 and the farmers of Karaikal region should submit the application directly at the Office of the Additional Director of Agriculture, Karaikal within 90 days from the date of completion of the work.

(iii) The subsidy application should be accompanied by the following certificates/documents:

(a) The Certificate for the ownership of the land issued by an officer not below the rank of the Deputy Tahsildar.

(b) The copy of the Registration Certificate, Permit and Energisation Certificate issued by Pondicherry Ground Water Authority, Puducherry.

(c) Original Bills for the expenses incurred towards the construction of tubewell (or) in case of those who have availed themselves of Bank loan attested copy of the original bills, and certificate from the Bank to that effect.

(d) Copy of Aadhaar Card, Farmers Identity Card, Bank Passbook front page.

5. *Registration and processing of application.*— On receipt of the application, necessary entries will be made in the application receipt register and seniority number assigned to the applicant for identifying each applicant which shall be used for all further references and also an acknowledgment for the receipt of the application will be issued to the applicant.

6. *Committee to verify the genuinity of the claims/vouchers and approval of beneficiaries.*— For scrutinizing farmers subsidy applications of Puducherry region, a Committee consisting of

(i) The Head of Office, State Ground Water Unit and Soil Conservation, (ii) The Deputy Director(AE) in-charge of drilling machineries, State Ground Water Unit and Soil Conservation, and (iii) Agricultural Officer (Engg.) in-charge of drilling machineries, State Ground Water Unit and Soil Conservation will examine the vouchers/bills submitted by farmers to ascertain the genuineness and recommend for release of subsidy.

For scrutinizing farmers subsidy applications of Karaikal region, a Committee consisting of

(i) The Additional Director of Agriculture, Karaikal, (ii) The Deputy Director(AE), Karaikal and (iii) Agricultural Officer (Engg.) in-charge of the subsidy Scheme will examine the vouchers/bills submitted by farmers to ascertain the genuineness and recommend for release of subsidy.

Approval of Joint Director (AE)/Additional Director (AE) shall be obtained for selection of beneficiaries under the Scheme.

7. *Mode of execution and release of subsidy.*— (i) The brand of submersible/centrifugal motor pumpsets and accessories are left to the choice of the applicant but, the submersible/centrifugal motor pumpsets should be BIS certified with in the sanctioned horse power and purchased either from Authorised Dealer/M/s.PASIC Ltd.

(ii) The applicants of Puducherry region should approach the Office of the Hydrogeologist-II, State Ground Water Unit and Soil Conservation, Thattanchavady, Puducherry-605 009 and the applicants of Karaikal region should approach the Office of the Additional Director of Agriculture, Karaikal towards the erection of submersible/centrifugal motor and pumpsets in the tubewell.

(iii) Inspection will be conducted by Agricultural Officer (Engg.) concerned at the time of erection of submersible motor and pumpset to ascertain the details of submersible/centrifugal motor pumpsets and accessories used.

(iv) The total cost incurred towards the installation of submersible/centrifugal motor pumpsets and accessories shall be taken into account for calculation of the subsidy and 65% of the total cost subject to a maximum of ₹ 50,000 will be released.

8. *Approval of beneficiaries.*—Approval of Joint Director(A.E)/Additional Director(A.E) shall be obtained for selection of beneficiaries under the Scheme.

9. *Payment of subsidy.*— The subsidy amount shall be released through Electronic Clearing System (ECS) if, the applicant has undertaken the construction with his/her own fund. In case, he/she has availed himself/herself loan from the Nationalised Bank/Co-operative Bank towards the installation of submersible/centrifugal motor pumpsets and accessories, the subsidy amount shall be remitted into the Bank against the loan account of the beneficiary.

10. *Recovery/Cancellation of subsidy.*— The beneficiaries so selected, should submit an Affidavit signed before a Notary Public to the effect that the abovesaid land is under his/her possession, he/she

will not sell, mortgage or transfer the lands to any other person for a period of 10 years and that he/she will not convert the land for any other purpose other than agriculture and in case, if, he/she is found to have not abided by the terms, he/she will be liable for such course of legal action by the Government for breach of any of the conditions of the Schemes besides facing recovery/cancellation of subsidy.

11. *Interpretation and clarification.*— In the implementation of the Scheme, if, any doubt arises with regard to the interpretation of any of the provisions of Schemes or if, any point requires clarification, the matter shall be referred to the Secretary in-charge of Agriculture and the decision of the Secretary in-charge of Agriculture shall be the final.

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