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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
CHIEF SECRETARIAT (AGRICULTURE)

(G.O. Ms. No. 26/Ag., Puducherry, dated 15th November 2018)

NOTIFICATION

The Government of Puducherry is pleased to approve the Guidelines appended to this order for the Projects to be implemented by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Puducherry, with the Additional Central Assistance released from the Government of India, under the Scheme "National Agriculture Development Programme (Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana 2017-18)" in the Union territory of Puducherry.

2. Project to be implemented under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana Scheme are:—

(i) Support to the Commodity Interest Group's of Agricultural Technology Management Agency (CIG's of ATMA) @ 50% subsidy subject to a maximum of ₹ 5 lakhs for setting up of small/medium scale enterprises/industries in the field of Agriculture and allied sectors.

(ii) Project on strengthening of State Soil Testing Laboratory, Puducherry.

3. It shall come into force with immediate effect.

4. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department *vide* their I.D. No. 3160/FC/FD/F5/A3/2018, dated 19-3-2018.

(By order)

MANGALATTE DINESH,
Deputy Secretary to Government (Agriculture).

**I. Guidelines for the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana project
“Support to the Commodity Interest Groups (CIG's) of ATMA at
50% subsidy subject to maximum of ₹ 5 lakhs per group for setting
up of small/medium scale enterprises/industries in the field of
Agriculture and Allied Sectors”**

(Project Sl. No. 5.3)

Total Project Cost : ₹ 20.20 lakhs

I. *Introduction.*—Commodity Interest Groups (CIG's) have been formed under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme “Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms” for focused extension activity through Group dynamics. These Commodity Interest Groups get their technical backstopping from the Farm Information Advisory Centre (FIAC). In order to motivate the Commodity Interest Groups for enhanced income generation through value addition of their farm produces by setting up of small/medium scale Enterprises/Industries in the field of Agriculture and allied sectors, it is proposed to incentivize them by extending 50% subsidy subject to a maximum of ₹ 5 lakhs/ Commodity Interest Group under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) project duly approved by the State Level Sanctioning Committee.

II. *Objectives.*—(1) To improve the socio-economic status of the farmers'/farm women of the Commodity Interest Group's (CIG's) of the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) Puducherry/Karaikal.

(2) To incentivize the Commodity Interest Group's so as to increase investment in agriculture and allied sector.

(3) To promote entrepreneurship attitude and additional employment among the farmers of Commodity Interest Group's.

(4) To promote value addition in agriculture and allied sector.

(5) Promotion of post-production techniques in Agriculture and Allied sector by making best use of resource and demand in the market.

III. *Pattern of Assistance.*—Assistance at 50% subsidy subject to maximum of ₹ 5 lakhs per group for setting up of small/medium scale enterprises/industries in the field of agriculture and allied sectors.

IV. *Eligibility Criteria of Beneficiaries.*—(1) The Commodity Interest Group's which has been formulated under CSS "Support to State Extension Programme for Extension Reforms" alone eligible under this project.

(2) The Commodity Interest Group's should conduct regular monthly meeting and maintain an account in Bank.

(3) The Commodity Interest Group's has to arrange 50% of total investment either through Bank or from their own resource.

V. *List of Small/Medium Scale Enterprises/Industries to be covered under this project.*—

(i) **Agriculture Sector**

(i) Cereals/Millet/Pulses/Oilseeds/Sugarcane/Cash Crop processing unit.

(ii) Vermi compost production and marketing unit.

(iii) Inputs (Bio/Chemical) production and sales centre.

(iv) Farm produce value addition and sales centre.

(v) Oil extraction unit.

(ii) **Horticulture Sector**

- (i) Fruits and vegetables processing unit.
- (ii) Nursery production and marketing unit.
- (iii) Honey production and marketing unit.
- (iv) Mushroom production and marketing unit.
- (v) Farm produce value addition and sales centre

(iii) **Animal Husbandry Sector**

- (i) Mini Dairy production unit
- (ii) Mini Goat production unit
- (iii) Poultry production unit.
- (iv) Animal feed production and sales centre

(iv) **Fisheries Sector**

- (i) Composite fish culture and marketing unit

(v) **Any other projects:** Any other projects approved by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru College of Agriculture and Research Institute, Karaikal, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Veterinary Education and Research, Puducherry having technical feasibility applicable to Puducherry.

VI. *Documents to be Submitted for Establishing Eligibility.*—

(1) Copy of the Commodity Interest Group's Bank Passbook.

(2) Copy of the last month of Commodity Interest Group's preceding register and Minutes register.

(3) Source for non-subsidy portion/pre-loan sanction letter from Bank.

(4) A detailed report on the small/medium scale enterprises/industries proposed to be established by the Commodity Interest Group along with *Pro forma* Invoice from the Authorized Dealer/Distributor for the Machineries/Equipment to be erected.

(5) An Agreement Form executed in the stamp paper to the value of ₹ 20 to the effect that the small/medium scale enterprises/industries established under the Scheme will not be sold or disposed in any manner for a period of 3 years from the date of inception.

VII. *Modus Operandi.*—(1) The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare will make publicity through Mass Media, Uzhavar Udhaviyagam and Departmental website and create awareness among the

Commodity Interest Group's about this component of assistance for setting up of small/medium scale enterprises/industries in the field of agriculture and allied sectors to avail this subsidy, the Commodity Interest Group's of Puducherry Union Territory would be advised to get the prescribed application from the Farm Information and Advisory Centre (FIAC) and Uzhavar Udhaviyagam and further advised to submit the duly filled in application along with the required document to the UU concerned.

2. The application along with the project shall be scrutinized by the Block Technology Team Convenor/Agricultural Officer and Block Officer in-charge/Deputy Director of Agriculture or Joint Director of Agriculture (T&V) and shall forward the same with recommendation to the Project Director (ATMA), Puducherry/Karaikal.

3. The Selection Committee constituted for the purpose as detailed below shall scrutinize the eligible Commodity Interest Group's applications.

- (i) The Director of Agriculture-*cum*-Chairman (ATMA), . . Chairman
Puducherry.
- (ii) The Deputy Director of Agriculture (Inputs), . . Member
Thattanchavady/Karaikal.
- (iii) The Deputy Project Director (ATMA), Puducherry/ . . Member
Karaikal.
- (iv) The Deputy Director of Agriculture (Hort.), . . Member
Puducherry/Karaikal.
- (v) The Deputy Director, Agriculture Engineering., . . Member
Puducherry/Karaikal.
- (vi) The Joint Director, Department of Animal Husbandry, . . Member
Puducherry/Karaikal.
- (vii) The Deputy Director (Inland), Department of Fisheries, . . Member
Puducherry/Karaikal.
- (viii) The Junior Accounts Officer, Office of the Additional . . Member
Director of Agriculture (T&V), Thattanchavady/
Office of the Additional Director of Agriculture,
Karaikal.
- (ix) The Additional Director of Agriculture (T&V)-*cum*- . . Member-
Project Director (ATMA), Puducherry/Additional Secretary.
Director of Agriculture-*cum*-Project Director (ATMA),
Karaikal.

4. The Beneficiary list shall be subjected to Social Audit under supervision of the Collector, Puducherry/Karaikal and the final list of the beneficiary shall be approved by the Selection Committee. The work order shall be issued to approved Commodity Interest Group to go ahead with the establishment of enterprise/industry proposed in the application, upon obtaining approval from the Secretary (Agriculture)-*cum*-Vice-Chairman (SLSC).

5. On completion of the project, the beneficiary shall submit necessary documents including invoice and statement of accounts to the Project Director (ATMA)-Puducherry/Karaikal for release of the eligible subsidy amount.

6. The Sub-Committee consisting of the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Inputs), Deputy Director (Agricultural Engineering), Deputy Director (Fisheries), Veterinary Assistant Surgeon and concerned Agricultural Officer (Uzhavar Udhaviyagam) shall inspect the enterprise/industries and shall furnish a inspection report on work completion along with recommendation for release of eligible subsidy amount to the concerned Commodity Interest Group.

7. The Project Director (ATMA)-Puducherry/Karaikal will release eligible subsidy to the concerned Commodity Interest Group through ECS.

8. In case of Commodity Interest Group's availing Bank loan for non-subsidy portion, the Project Director (ATMA), Puducherry/Karaikal will release the subsidy directly to the Banks concerned to be credited in the loan account of the Commodity Interest Group.

9. The Project Director (ATMA)-Puducherry/Karaikal will furnish necessary Utilization Certificate after completion of project for adjustment of account to the Directorate of Accounts and Treasuries, Puducherry and Government of India.

VIII. *Monitoring/Evaluation.*—The project shall be monitored by the Director of Agriculture. Evaluation and appraisal report shall be prepared by the Deputy Director concerned periodically. The Collector, Puducherry and the Collector, Karaikal shall periodically review the progress of the Scheme.

IX. *Interpretation and doubts:* Any modification to the Project Guidelines shall be made with the approval of the Government.

**II. Guidelines for Implementation of the Project
on Strengthening of State Soil Testing Laboratory,
Thattanchavady, Puducherry**

(Project Sl. No. 5.8A)

Total Project Cost : ₹ 30 lakhs

I. *Short title, extent and commencement.*— 1. This project shall be called “Strengthening of State Soil Testing Laboratory”.

2. It shall extend to the Soil Testing Laboratory in Puducherry region.

3. It shall come into force with immediate effect.

II. *Implementing Agency.*— The project will be implemented through the Office of the Additional Director of Agriculture (LUP&QC), Thattanchavady, Puducherry.

III. *Introduction.*— With a view to optimize the use of chemical fertilizer for growing crops in need based manner, matching with the soil nutrient status the program of Soil Health Card has been gaining importance in India and also Union territory of Puducherry. The Soil Testing Laboratory has been functioning in Puducherry to carry out the analysis of Soil Samples for estimation of status of macro and micro nutrients based on which Soil Health Card is being distributed to each farmer holding. As the existing Laboratory is in a dilapidated condition, the laboratory requires to be renovated by both civil and electrical work. Further, ICT gadgets viz., computer, laptops, printers and software's are required to be purchased for successful implementation of Soil Health Card Scheme.

To achieve the said requirement it is proposed to implement the project of Strengthening of State Soil Testing Laboratory.

IV. *Objective of the project.*—

- * To increase the analyzing capacity of the laboratory by increasing the analysis of soil samples from the existing target of 2,000 Nos. to 3,000 Nos.
- * To upgrade the standard of the analytical instruments for quicker, more efficient, precise estimation and improve the work efficiency of the laboratory.

- * To ensure adequate safety for the analytical personnel in handling of equipments and chemicals.
- * To provide required state-of- art features in the soil testing.

V. *Strategy of the project.*— 1. Strengthening the existing Soil Testing Laboratory—

To give a facelift to the existing State Soil Testing Laboratory which is in a dilapidated conditions it is proposed to attend the repair works for arresting leakages, providing internal partitions RCC works, providing cupboards for storage of chemicals, Air conditioners, electrical fittings and lighting, painting, fixing steel grill works, laying vitrified floor tiles, fixing rain water pipes, providing PVC false roofing providing aluminum work for doors, partition, *etc.*

2. Purchase of ICT like Desktop, Laser printer, *etc.*

The following ICT items are to be purchased under the project.

- (i) Desktop-HP 2803G3 Commercial Desktop: Corel3 Processor/ 4GB DDR4 RAM/1 TB SATA HKK/DVD RW/Key Board and Mouse/18.5" TFT HP Monitor/Win 10 Pro OS.
- (ii) Laptop-HP 240 g6 Commercial Laptop: i3-6006U, 4GB DDR4 RAM, 1 TB SATA, Win 10 Pro, 14" LED HD, With DVDRW, 3 years Onsite Warranty with 1 year ADP. with Bag.
- (iii) Laser printer-HP LaserJet 1020 Plus Printer.
- (iv) GPS-Geo Positioning System
- (v) Photocopier-HP LaserJet M436DN Printer
- (vi) Online UPS system

VI. *Mode of operation.*— 1. Strengthening the existing Laboratory by civil and electrical work—

(i) Shall be prepared by Puducherry Public Works Department. The Public Works Department, Puducherry, shall be addressed to furnish the detailed estimate renovation of existing Soil Testing Laboratory.

(ii) The Estimate in consultation with Deputy Director of Agriculture (MN) in accordance with their requirement.

(iii) After the receipt of detailed estimate from the Public Works Department, Puducherry, expenditure sanction with drawal of advance shall be obtained by the Office of the Additional Director of Agriculture (LUP&QC).

(iv) The entire amount of the estimate shall be deposited with the Public Works Department, Puducherry and a request shall be made to the Public Works Department to initiate the civil works. The execution of civil and electrical works shall be done by the Public Works Department by following due codal formalities.

(v) After the execution of civil and electrical works as per the estimation, the Public Works Department, Puducherry, shall hand over the laboratory to the Agricultural Department and bill of cost shall also be furnished to Additional Director of Agriculture (LUP&QC) for adjustment with Directorate of Accounts and Treasures.

2. Purchase of ICT like Desktop, Laptop, Laser Printer and Photocopier, *etc.*

(a) For the purchase of ICT items, a Purchase Committee comprising of following Members shall be formed.

- (i) Additional Director of Agriculture (LUP&QC) . . Chairman
- (ii) Deputy Director of Agriculture (Chemical) . . Member
- (iii) Junior Accounts Officer, Office of the Additional . . Member
Director of Agriculture (T&V).
- (iv) Deputy Director of Agriculture (MN) . . Member-Secretary.

(b) The purchase of ICT items will be done through GEM Portal failing which by calling tender through e-procurement Portal.

(c) The requirement *viz.*, model, make of the ICT items will be arrived upon concurrence from the Information Technology Department.

(d) The administrative approval for the purchase of ICT items shall be obtained by the Agricultural Department from the competent authority and the purchase will be effected through GEM portal or through e-tender process.

(e) Upon obtaining, the expenditure sanction and after the supply of ICT items payment shall be made to the approved firm.

VII. *Monitoring/Evaluation.*— The project shall be monitored by the concerned Deputy Director of Agriculture (MN)/Joint Director of Agriculture (Chem.). Evaluation and appraisal report shall be prepared by the deputed officer periodically and also effectiveness of the project shall be monitored.

VIII. *Interpretation and doubts.*— Any modification to the Project Guidelines shall be made with the approval of the Government.

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