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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY CHIEF SECRETARIAT (AGRICULTURE)

(G.O. Ms. No. 36/Ag., Puducherry, dated 13th March 2020)

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has been extending Back ended subsidy to the horticultural farmers in order to motivate them to adopt various technological options for increasing their productivity under the Scheme "Integrated Horticulture Development Programme through Diversification in Agriculture" under the notified Guidelines *vide* G.O. Rt. No. 36/Ag., dated 14-09-2015 of the Chief Secretariat (Agriculture and Forests), Puducherry.

2. Now, therefore, in supersession of the notification issued *vide* G.O. Rt. No. 36/Ag., dated 14-09-2015 of the Chief Secretariat (Agriculture and Forests), Puducherry, except in respect of other horticultural crops as mentioned at the end of Item II of the Guidelines annexed, the Government of Puducherry is pleased to approve the revision of pattern of assistance and revised Guidelines are enclosed. They shall come into effect immediately.

3. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Department *vide* their I.D No. 2573/FC/FD/F5/A3/2020, dated 05-02-2020.

(By order)

A. PUNITHAMARY,

Under Secretary to Government (Agriculture).

**GUIDELINES FOR EXTENDING SUBSIDY ON CULTIVATION
EXPENSES/PRODUCTION INCENTIVE TO OWNERS/
TENANT CULTIVATORS IN THE UNION TERRITORY OF
PUDUCHERRY FOR RAISING HORTICULTURAL CROPS
UNDER CONVERGENCE MODE IN THE SCHEME
“INTEGRATED HORTICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
THROUGH DIVERSIFICATION IN AGRICULTURE”**

I. Objectives

The main objectives of the Scheme are:

(i) To encourage the farmers to take up horticulture crop cultivation thereby diversifying agriculture.

(ii) To expand the area and increase production and productivity of horticulture crops.

(iii) To incentivize farmer for the timely adoption of technologies/cultivation practices by the farmer.

(iv) To ensure assured income to the farmers from horticulture crops.

(v) Indirectly reduce the use of irrigation water, thereby considerably reducing the pressure on underground water.

II. Scale of Financial Assistance

(i) the production incentive will be extended by the Union Territory Government to all eligible farmers in addition to the back-ended subsidy being extended under Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS), National Horticulture Mission (NHM) subject to maximum of ₹ 10,000/acre, as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Crop	Existing production incentives under CSS NHM (₹ per Acre)	Proposed production incentives by the Union Territory Government (₹ per Acre)	Total production incentives of ₹ 10,000 per Acre (₹ per Acre)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
I	<i>Fruit Crops</i>			
(a)	Mango	5,100	4,900	10,000
(b)	Guava	7,668	2,332	10,000
(c)	Sapota	9,080	920	10,000
(d)	Other fruits	—	10,000	10,000
II	<i>Cultivation of Hybrid Vegetables</i>	8,000	2,000	10,000

The production incentive for the year 2019-20 approved for Banana (sucker and T.C seedlings), papaya, lemon and pomegranate under CSS- NHM Scheme is more than ₹ 10,000 per Acre, hence, these crops are not covered under the Scheme announced by the State Government.

(ii) Production incentive @ ₹ 3,000 per acre to farmers cultivating coconut.

(iii) Subsidy @ 75% of the cost, limited to ₹ 12,000 per unit of 96 cft. capacity and extended on pro-rata basis, for establishment of vermicompost production unit (HDPE) in backyard and rooftops of both urban and rural households.

(iv) Production incentive distribution pattern detailed below shall be adopted;

Vegetables	Fruits	Coconut
Annually two season, <i>i.e.</i> , Thaipattam and Adipattam	For the establishment of orchard	Annually

The back ended subsidy approved for other horticulture crops *vide* G.O. Rt. No. 36/Ag., dated 14-09-2015 will continue as per the existing pattern of assistance.

III. Eligibility Criteria

(i) Assistance is open to all categories of farmers-owner/tenants.

(ii) Conditions/Guidelines, minimum/maximum area specified under National Horticulture Mission Scheme for fruits crops and hybrid vegetables shall be applicable.

(iii) Coconut crop cultivated in en bloc or cultivated on the field boundaries/strip planting will be considered for extending the incentives. The recommended spacing and number of trees will be considered to calculate area of the coconut crops planted on the boundaries. A minimum of area eligible for coconut crop is 0.10 ha.

(iv) Tenants are also eligible for production incentive by providing the authenticated proof of leased land through a certificate/agreement between the owner and the tenant.

(v) Incentive shall be extended only to individual farmers and shall not be extended to institutions/corporate either as owner/tenant.

(vi) Incentive will be released to legal heirs of deceased farmers on production of Legal Heir Certificate issued by the Competent Court.

(vii) Subsidy @ 75% for establishment of vermicompost production unit is open for the residents of Union territory of Puducherry.

(viii) The farmers shall use the quality seeds, bio-fertilizers and bio-pesticides as per recommendations of the Department. In case these are supplied by the Department/PKKVK/PAJANCOA & RI, the Department shall certify that the cost and quality is competitive *vis a vis* that in the open market.

(ix) Pre-registration of the applicants is necessary.

IV. Documents to be Submitted with Application

(i) Copy of Farmers I.D Card and in case of tenant farmers lease agreement/Cultivator Certificate issued by Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, Puducherry, not below the rank of a Deputy Tahsildar or valid consent letter issued by the land owner.

(ii) Copy of front page of Savings Account Passbook (Aadhaar linked) having complete details of the Bank including IFSC code.

(iii) Aadhaar Card Copy

V. Operational Guidelines

(i) The Department of Agriculture shall make wide publicity about the issue and receipt of application for each crop and season.

(ii) The beneficiaries have to submit an Application Form along with the required documents obtained from the Office of the Additional Director of Agriculture (Horticulture)/Jurisdictional Uzhavar Udhaviyagams or downloaded from the official website of the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

(iii) In case of land owners who cultivate their land, a copy of the Farmers Identity Card containing the details of survey numbers and extent of land holding will be required to be submitted along with the Application Form. If, no identity card is issued to the farmer till date, a copy of the land document (Sale Deed/Partition Deed/Gift Deed or Will) will be required to be submitted.

(iv) The tenants cultivating lands owned by Religious Institutions/Wakfs/Mutts/Trusts/Municipalities, shall produce a letter of consent from the authority of the Institution concerned as prescribed in Annexure-I.

(v) Further, tenant shall produce a cultivation certificate from the land owner or Agriculture Department/Revenue Department who carry out joint verification for the purpose.

(vi) The duly filled in application shall be submitted by the farmers to the concerned Uzhavar Udhaviyagam and on receipt of the application, entries will be made in the registration book and a seniority number will be assigned to the applicant.

(vii) About 10% of the application shall be cross checked by the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Horticulture)/Deputy Director of Agriculture, Yanam/Deputy Director of Agriculture, Mahe while 5% of the applications and 2% of the applications shall be test checked by the Joint Director of Agriculture (MCP)/Joint Director of Agriculture, Karaikal and Additional Director of Agriculture (Horticulture), Puducherry/Additional Director of Agriculture, Karaikal, respectively.

(viii) The provisional list of beneficiaries will also be placed for social auditing at the respective Uzhavar Udhaviyagams for a period of ten days for objections, if any.

(ix) The subsidy would be arrived at as per the pattern of assistance on pro-rata basis.

(x) The list of beneficiaries shall be approved by the Director of Agriculture and the Secretary to Government (Agriculture).

(xi) The selected list of beneficiaries shall be hosted in the website of the Agriculture Department as well as in the notice-board of Uzhavar Udhaviyagams.

VI. Mode of disbursement

The eligible subsidy amount shall be released to the beneficiaries account on DBT mode after obtaining expenditure sanction as per extant norms.

VII. Monitoring and Grievances Redressal

The progress of the implementation of the Scheme shall be periodically (at least once in six months) reviewed/monitored at State Level by the State Level Monitoring Committee with the following members.

1. The Secretary to Government (Agriculture) . . Chairman
2. The Director of Agriculture . . Member
3. Two farmers' representatives . . Member
4. The Additional Director of Agriculture . . Member-
(Agronomy). Secretary.

ANNEXURE- I

**Consent for Leasing Lands from Religious Institutions
(Name and Registered Address of the Institution)**

To

The Additional Director of Agriculture (Horticulture),
Puducherry.

Sir,

Sub : Leasing of lands for the purpose of farming – Intimation –
Reg.

This is to inform that we, (Name of the Institution), having our Registered Office at (address of the Institution), after a careful consideration of the request of Thiru/Tmt.(Name of the applicant), residing at (address), hereby agree to permit him/her to carry out farming in (extent of area permitted to the applicant), out of the (total possession of the land of the Institution), for the period (period of permission). The details of the lease of land are as furnished below.

Sl. No.	Name of the lessee	R.S. No.	Extent (Ha./Ares/Centiares)	Period of lease

(if, an individual is allotted different parcels of land in
different R.S. Nos. it may be indicated separately)

He/She shall be subject to the Guidelines of your Department, as and when submits himself/herself for any assistance under the Schemes of the Government of Puducherry/Government of India.

Place :

Signature:

Date :

Name of the :
authorized signatory

(Seal of the Institution)

(This is to be issued in the Letter Head of the Institution concerned)

ANNEXURE-II

LIST OF CULTIVATORS OF REVENUE VILLAGE

(List of cultivators along with extent of cultivation to be prepared by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare for issue of Cultivation Certificate for the Farmers in a Revenue Village by the Department of Revenue and Disaster Management)

1. Name of the Revenue Village :
2. Name of the Uzhavar Udhaviyagam :
3. Crop :
4. Season :

Sl. No.	Name and address of the farmer	Father/Husband name	Survey No. (R.S. or T.S.)	Extent (H.A.Ca)	Total extent (H.A.Ca)

Signature

Village Extension Worker

Signature

Agricultural Officer (U.U.)

Place :

Date :

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