

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
(Abstract)

Agriculture Department – Annual Plan 2012-13 – “Value Addition Scheme” – Promotion of fruits, vegetables and Spices Based value addition projects – Administrative Sanction Accorded – orders issued –

Agriculture (Agri) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.199/2012/AD.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 10.8.2012.

Read: 1. Letter No.TP(2)-19128/12 dated 11.7.12 of the Director of Agriculture,
Thiruvananthapuram.
2. Minutes of the Working Group Meeting held on 20.7.12.

ORDER

Government have provided an amount of Rs.425 lakhs for the year 2012-13 for value addition schemes under the component ‘support to’ fruits, Vegetables and Spices based value addition projects. As per the letter read as 1st paper above the Director of Agriculture has forwarded a proposal submitted by the SFAC for Administrative Sanction for the above amount.

2. The main objectives of the projects are promotion of value addition of fruits, vegetables and spices ethnic crops of the states, promotion of agro industrialization, diversification of horticultural produce, commercialization of value added products, enabling small and marginal farmers to obtain better price for their produce, generating employment opportunities especially in the rural sector, reducing potential horticultural imports, providing crucial farm industry linkage which helps accelerated economic progress, better inflow of credit to value addition sector, avoiding wastage of agricultural produce and ensuring its optimum utilization, motivating the farmers for better productivity and ensuring improvement in their socio economic status.

3. The Working Group of the Agriculture Department, met on 20.7.2012 examined and approved the proposal unanimously as per the minutes read as 2nd paper above subject to the following conditions.

- i) General Body of the Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium shall approve the individual projects and the maximum subsidy limit as per Govt. norms (25%) should be adhered to.
- ii) Scheme should be credit linked and subsidy will be released to banks as back end subsidy..

- iii) Entrepreneurs can avail subsidy from Govt. of India, if available, and the total subsidy from state and Govt. of India should not exceed 50% of the approved cost.

4. Government, having examined the matter in detail, and are pleased to accord Administrative Sanction for an amount of Rs.425 lakhs for “Value Addition Scheme” under the component support to fruits, Vegetables and Spices based value addition projects subject to the conditions mentioned above.

5. The Director of Agriculture shall release the amount to the Managing Director, SFAC, Thiruvananthapuram from the Head of account 2435-01-800-94 plan in the current years (2012-13) budget.

By Order of the Governor,

Subrata Biswas,
Agriculture Production Commissioner.

To

The Director of Agriculture, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Managing Director, SFAC, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Treasury Officer, District Treasury, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Chief (Agriculture), State Planning Board, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Accountant General (A&E/Audit, Kerala), Thiruvananthapuram.
The Finance Department.
The Planning and Economic Affairs (CPMU) Department.
The Agriculture (PB) Dept. (vide letter No.23760/PB2/12/AD dt. 31.7.2012.

Forwarded/By Order,

Section Officer.