



ABSTRACT

Agriculture–Soil Testing - Distribution of Farmers' Integrated Hand Book during 2011-12 -Sanctioned–Orders-Issued.

AGRICULTURE (AP4) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms).No.196

Dated: 31.10.2011.

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2042, ஐப்பசி 14

Read:

1. From the Commissioner of Agriculture, Letter No.ALS.2/84034/ 2011, dated 22.7.2011 and 09.08.2011.
2. From the COA, Letter No.IAMWARM4/ 94754/2011, dated 09.08.2011.

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ORDER:

The Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, while moving the Agriculture Demand for 2011 – 2012, among others, has made an announcement that Farmers' Integrated Hand Book, containing details of soil nutrient content, fertilizer recommendation, Input distribution, Micro Nutrients etc., will be distributed to 21 lakh farm holdings initially, at a cost of Rs.4.00 crores.

2. The Commissioner of Agriculture in his letters first and second read above has reported that the balanced nutrition of crops is based on the native soil fertility status of a farm which is essential for sustained productivity and reducing the cost of production through optimum and economic use of fertilizers, which are costly inputs now-a days. The soil test based fertilizer recommendation plays a vital role in the integrated nutrient management and thereby maintenance of Soil Health and soil fertility and to avoid indiscriminate use of precious inputs. The soil testing

is one of the important tool to assess the soil fertility status. There are 30 Soil Testing Laboratories and 16 Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories functioning under the Department of Agriculture to cater to the needs of the farmers. Soil testing programme is being carried out to give site and situation specific fertilizer recommendations and the reclamatory measures to the problem soil, if any.

3. The Commissioner of Agriculture has stated that a grand programme "Second Green Revolution" is being launched through which all first hand informations about the Soil Nutrient content, plant nutrient requirement, Quality inputs, Infrastructure availability and marketing intervention will be provided in the Farmers' Integrated Hand Book. There are 82 lakh farm holdings in the State and it is planned to conduct the Soil test in all 82 lakh farm holdings during 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 and incorporated in the Farmers' Integrated Hand Book.

4. The Commissioner of Agriculture has therefore sent proposals to Government for sanction of Rs.1000.00 lakhs (Rs. 500 lakhs per year) for conducting the soil test for incorporating in the Farmers' Integrated Hand Book of 82 lakhs farm holdings during 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. He has also requested approval of the Government on the formulated model of Farmers' Integrated Hand Book and directions to launch the programme after announcement of the scheme.

5. The Government after careful examination accepted the proposal of the COA and accord sanction for implementation of the scheme of distribution of Farmers' Integrated Hand Book (விவசாயிகளின் ஒருங்கிணைந்த கையேடு) to the farm holdings and sanction a sum of Rs.400.00 lakhs (Rupees Four hundred lakhs only) as detailed in the annexure to this order for testing the soil in 21 lakh farm holdings during 2011-12 for incorporating in the Farmers' Integrated Hand Book. The soil testing in the balance 61 lakh farm holdings shall be taken up during 2012-13 and 2013-14, at the rate of 30,50,000 farm holdings per year. The Government also accord approval to the model copy of Farmers' Integrated Hand Book.

6. The expenditure sanctioned in para 5 above shall be debited to the following new heads of account opened under Demand No.05-02 :-

"2402 – 00 – Soil and Water Conservation – 101 –Soil Survey and Testing –I Schemes in the Eleventh Five year Plan- II State Plan. JG.Soil Test for incorporating the farmers Integrated Hand Book".

02 Wages (DPC 2402-00-101 –JG-0201)	Rs. 86.00 Lakhs
05 02 other Contingencies (DPC 2412-00-101-JG-0523)	Rs. 14.00 Lakhs
19 03 Maintenance (DPC 2412-00-101-JG-1933)	Rs. 150.00 Lakhs
24. Materials and supplies (DPC 2402-00-101-JG-2405)	Rs. 120.00 Lakhs
69. Procurement of Agriculture inputs (DPC 2402-00-101-JG-6901)	Rs. 30.00 Lakhs
	----- Rs. 400.00 Lakhs -----

The Commissioner of Agriculture is the estimating, reconciling and controlling authority for the above sub-head of account. The Pay and Accounts Officer/Treasury Officers concerned are requested to open the above new sub-head of account in their books.

7. The expenditure sanctioned in para 5 above shall constitute an item of "New Service" and the approval of the Legislature shall be obtained in due course. Pending approval of the Legislature, the expenditure shall initially be met by sanction of an advance from the Contingency Fund. The Commissioner of Agriculture is requested to apply to Finance (BG-I) Department for this advance in the prescribed format in duplicate by enclosing copy of this sanction order along with the explanatory note to include in the Supplementary Estimate for the year 2011-2012, without fail.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department Vide its U.O.No.185/JS(per)/2011, dated 28.10.11. With ASL No. 692 (Six hundred and ninety two)

/ BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR/

K.ARULMOZHI,
Agricultural Production Commissioner and
Principal Secretary to Government

To

The Commissioner of Agriculture, Chennai-5.

The Principal Accountant General, Chennai-18.

The Accountant General (A&E), Chennai-18/(By Name)

The Accountant General (Audit), Chennai-18/(By Name)

The pay and Accounts Officer (East), Chennai-8.

The Treasury Officers concerned.

All Collectors.

Copy to

The Secretary to Chief Minister, Chennai-9.

The Senior Personal Assistant to M(A), Chennai-9.

The Private Secretary to APC and Prl. Secy, Agriculture Department,
Chennai-9.

The Finance (Agri/BG I and BG II) Department, Chennai-9.

The Data Entry Operator, Agriculture Department, Chennai-9.

Stock File and Spare Copies.

/Forwarded by Order/

Section Officer

Annexure to G.O.(Ms).No.196, Agriculture (AP4) Department,
Dated 31.10.201.

Sl. No	Activities	(Rs. in lakhs)
1	Wages for casual labourers	100.00
2	Purchase of chemicals	60.00
3	Soil Sample bags	20.00
4	Office expenses and other contingencies	10.00
5	Glasswares and polythene wares, hardwares purchase	60.00
6	Purchase of spares and maintenance of the Instruments and Equipments calibration	150.00
	Total	400.00

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