

ABSTRACT

Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare – Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops – Two years Diploma course offered at Tamil Nadu Horticulture Management Institute, Madhavaram, Horticulture Research and Training Centre, Thally and Centre of Excellence, Rediyarchathiram – Affiliation with Tamil Nadu Agricultural University – Grant of No Objection Certificate – Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE & FARMERS' WELFARE (AU) DEPARTMENT

G.O(Ms).No.109

Dated: 03.08.2021 திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு 2051 பிலவ வருடம், ஆடி 18

Read:

- 1. G.O.(Ms).No.240, Agriculture (H1) Department, dated 28.09.2018.
- 2. G.O.(Ms).No.160, Agriculture (AU) Department, dated 28.07.2020.
- 3. From the Agricultural Production Commissioner and Principal Secretary, D.O.Letter No. 36/APC & PS/2021, dated 05.02.2021.
- 4. From the Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University letter No. Tamil Nadu Agricultural University / Diploma in Horticulture/Affiliation/2019, Dated 11.02.2021.
- 5. From the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, Chennai letter No. Trg/4164/2018, dated 05.07.2021.

ORDER:

The Director of Horticulture & Plantation Crops in the letter 5th read above has stated that as per announcement made by the then Hon'ble Chief Minister under Rule 110 and as per Government Order 1st read above, the two years Diploma course in Horticulture is being offered from the academic year 2018-19 in two institutes namely (i) Horticulture Research and Training Centre (HRTC), Thally, Krishnagiri district and (ii) Centre of Excellence for Vegetables (CoE), Reddiyarchathiram, Dindigul District, in addition to the Horticulture Diploma course approved already for Tamil Nadu Horticulture Management Institute at Madhavaram, Chennai, during 1989. In each of the above said three institutes, 50 students are inducted.

- 2. In the Government Order 2nd read above, it was ordered that all Institutions deemed to be Universities in the State intending to open a new Department in its campus or an off-campus centre/institution in Agriculture and allied subjects viz., Agriculture, Horticulture, Agricultural Engineering, Forestry, Food Technology, Agricultural Biotechnology, Sericulture, Home / Community Science, Food Nutrition and Dietetics, should obtain "No Objection Certificate" from the State Government before starting the above mentioned Agriculture and allied programmes in Tamil Nadu. Institutions deemed to be Universities also need to obtain Indian Council of Agricultural Research Institute accreditation as per norms.
- 3. In consonance with the above orders, the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops has stated that a proposal was sent to the Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University vide her office letter dated 22.07.2020 with a request to affiliate the Horticulture Diploma course being offered in the above 3 Institutions with a view to streamline the said courses and make them on par with the Diploma offered by Tamil Nadu Agricultural University.
- 4. In the D.O.letter 3rd read above, the then Agricultural Production Commissioner and Principal Secretary to Government has also instructed the Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University to grant affiliation to the above said three Diploma Institutes functioning under the Department of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.
- 5. In continuation, the Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University in his letter 4th read above has informed that the Standing Committees of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has inspected the above said three Diploma Institutes and submitted their reports.
- 6. Based on the report of the Standing Committee, the Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has recommended the Government to issue No Objection Certificate to the above said three Diploma Institutes, so that the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University will be enable to grant affiliation to these Institutes for offering the Diploma in Horticulture programme, subject to the following conditions:-
 - The services of expertise available in the Horticulture / Agriculture / Agricultural Engineering Department with P.G/ Ph.D., are to be utilized for teaching in Diploma Institutes.
 - Admission of students to be done through common counselling by Tamil Nadu Agricultural University from next academic year (2021-22).

- The fees prescribed by Tamil Nadu Agricultural University may be followed to ensure uniformity.
- The syllabus prescribed by the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University is to be adopted.
- Setting up of Question Papers, fee fixed for the examinations, conduct of examinations, evaluation of answer papers and result declaration are to be done by the Controller of Examinations of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University and the Diploma Certificates will be issued by the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University.
- 7. In view of the above recommendations / endorsement made by the Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops has requested the Government to issue No Objection Certificate to the following institutions under the control of the Department of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, so as to enable the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University to grant affiliation to these Institutes for offering Diploma in Horticulture programme:-
 - Tamil Nadu Horticulture Management Institute, Madhavaram, Thiruvallur District;
 - The Horticulture Research and Training Center, Thally, Krishnagiri District;
 - iii. The Centre of Excellence, Reddiyarchathiram, Dindigul District.
- 8. The Government have examined the proposal of the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops in the light of the recommendations of the Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University and decided to accept the same. Accordingly, the Government direct that No Objection Certificate be granted to the 3 Institutes offering Diploma in Horticulture viz., (i) Tamil Nadu Horticulture Management Institute, Madhavaram, Thiruvallur District (ii) Horticulture Research and Training Center, Thally, Krishnagiri District and (iii) Centre of Excellence, Reddiyarchathiram, Dindigul District functioning under the control of the Department of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, so as to enable the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University to grant affiliation to these Institutes for offering Diploma in Horticulture programme, subject to the following conditions:-
 - The services of expertise available in the Horticulture / Agriculture / Agricultural Engineering Department with P.G/ Ph.D., are to be utilized for teaching in Diploma Institutes.
 - ❖ Admission of students to be done through common counselling by Tamil Nadu Agricultural University from next academic year (2021-22).

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- 9. The Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops is directed to pursue further action in consultation with the Registrar, TNAU for affiliation consequent to the NOC granted as above.
- 10. The Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University should ensure that all the conditions set out in para 8 above are fulfilled by the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, Chennal-5, prior to granting affiliation.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

C.SAMAYAMOORTHY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, Chennai-600 005.

The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Horticulture Development Agency, Chennai-600 005.

The Director of Agriculture, Chennai-600 005.

The Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore -3.

The Principal Accountant General (G&SSA)/(E&RSA)/(AAD), Chennai-18.

The Resident Audit Officer, Office of the Principal Accountant General, Chennai-600 009.

The Pay and Accounts Officer (East/South/North), Chennai.

The District Treasuries concerned.

The Chief Accounts Officer, Office of the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, Chennei-600 005.

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The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare), Chennai-600 009.

The Private Secretary to Agricultural Production Commissioner and Secretary to Government, Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Department, Chennai -600 009.

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