



## ABSTRACT

Agriculture – Conducting of Crop Cutting Experiments under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana - Adoption of Model “B” suggested by Government of India for recording Crop Cutting Experiments – Sanction of Rs.70.00 lakh towards incentive to field officials - Orders – Issued.

### AGRICULTURE (AP2) DEPARTMENT

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2049, சித்திரை மாதம் 17-ஆம் நாள்

G.O.(Ms).No.120.

Dated: 30.4.2018.

Read:

From the Director of Agriculture Letter No.G1/56141/2017, dated 5.1.2018.

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### ORDER:

In his proposal read above, the Director of Agriculture has stated that as per the Operational Guidelines of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, it is mandatory on the part of the State Government to conduct requisite number of Crop Cutting Experiments at the level of notified Insurance Unit to assess the crop loss. In Tamil Nadu, nearly two lakh Crop Cutting Experiments are being conducted under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana involving the field functionaries of Agriculture Department and the staff outsourced as per the orders of the State Government of Tamil Nadu. The Government of India which had observed that the Crop Cutting Experiments process currently being conducted by the States for estimating yield lacks in reliability, accuracy and speed has made the use of smart phones / hand held devices mandatory for planning / optimization of Crop Cutting Experiments, assessment of area discrepancy, crop damage and crop yield, Crop Cutting Experiments data collection, capturing images and online transmission of good quality, timely and reliable yield data for faster compilation and quick claim settlement.

2. He has further stated that, Government of India has issued guidelines for reimbursement of cost for using internet data package for recording the conduct of Crop Cutting Experiments under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana for improving the efficiency of conducting the Crop Cutting Experiments for which Government of India is extending subsidy in various forms for adoption by the States. The Government of India has given a free hand to the States to opt any one of the three

models as per their convenience for effective administration. The details of the models proposed are as follows:-

### Model A

State / UT Governments may procure smart phones of prescribed specifications as already laid down by Government of India. With the advent of Government e-market (GeM), DGS&D rates have been discontinued for smart phones. Though the smart phones with prescribed specification are available in wide range of prices, the Government of India would reimburse 50% of maximum cost of Rs.7,300/- of smart phone. If States / UTs prefer to procure phones of higher cost than specified, Government of India liability shall be limited to 50% of Rs.7,300/- only. States / UTs are strictly advised to procure the smart phones through GeM since verification of the purchases can be done easily in GeM. In addition, 50% of the cost of Data charges maximum @ Rs.1,000/- per year approximately for 20 CCEs per season would also be shared by Government of India.

### Model B

If some States are not interested to buy smart phones and are advising their officials to use their own smart phones and get internet data package for this purpose, there is no provision in the OGs for providing incentive to field level officials for recording CCEs data by utilizing their own smart phones and incurring data package expenses. In such cases, the States may provide incentives @ Rs.1,000/- for 20 CCEs to the field functionaries. These expenses are also to be shared equally between Central and the State Government.

### Model C

In this model, States hire 3rd party for recording the conduct of CCEs. As per Para XI (3b) of Operational Guidelines of PMFBY, only registered professional third party agencies can be engaged.

3. The Director of Agriculture has further stated that as far as Tamil Nadu is concerned, the field officials are already using their own smart phones for capturing the Crop Cutting Experiments and therefore suggested that **Model "B"** would be more suitable for Tamil Nadu for which an incentive of Rs.1000/- can be extended for conducting and uploading 20 Crop Cutting Experiments.

4. The Director of Agriculture has, therefore, requested the Government to allocate an amount of Rs.70 lakh for 1,40,000 Crop Cutting Experiments conducted during 2016-2017 and Rs.40 lakh for 79,000 Crop Cutting Experiments to be conducted during Kharif, 2017 in the Revised Estimate 2017- 2018, for which a separate proposal will be sent to Government shortly and to provide the details about the receipt head of account in which the 50% share of Government of India will be reimbursed.

5. The Government, after careful examination, accept the proposal of Director of Agriculture for opting **Model "B"** under which an incentive @ Rs.1,000/- for 20 Crop Cutting Experiments will be provided to the field functionaries for

conducting Crop Cutting Experiments and accordingly sanction a sum of Rs.70.00 lakh (Rupees Seventy Lakh only) towards incentive to field officials who had used their own smart phone for capturing the 1,40,000 Crop Cutting Experiments under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana during 2016-2017. The expenses will be equally shared between Central and State Governments.

6. The Government further direct that the Director of Agriculture to send a separate proposal for sanction of Rs.40.00 lakh towards 79,000 Crop Cutting Experiments after the execution of works with actual number of Crop Cutting Experiments.

7. The expenditure sanctioned in para 5 above shall be debited to the following head of account:-

Head of Account with detailed sub Head	Amount (in rupees)
2401 – 00 – Crop Husbandry – 110 – Crop Insurance – JJ – Premium subsidy for implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) – State Share – 05 – Office Expenses – 01 – Telephone Charges (DPC 2401 00 110 JJ 0510)	70,00,000
Total	70,00,000

8. The expenditure sanctioned in para 5 above constitute an item of "New Instrument of Service". The approval of the Legislature will be obtained in due course. Pending approval of the Legislature, the expenditure may be initially met by drawl of an advance from the contingency fund. The Director of Agriculture is directed to calculate the actual amount required for the period upto next supplementary estimates and apply for sanction of the same as advance from the Contingency Fund to Finance (BG-1) Department directly in Form-A appended to the Tamil Nadu Contingency Fund Rules, 1963 alongwith a copy of this order. Orders for sanction of advance from the Contingency Fund will be issued from Finance (BG-1) Department. He is also requested to send necessary explanatory notes for inclusion of the above expenditure in the Supplementary Estimates 2018-2019 to Finance (BG-1 / Agriculture) Department at an appropriate time without fail.

9. The 50% share of Government of India that will be reimbursed, shall be remitted into the following new head of account opened under Demand No.05, Head of Department: 02 Director of Agriculture:-

0401 – 00 – Crop Husbandry – 800 – Other Receipts – BT – Receipts from Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana – 21 – Receipts from Central Government – 08 – Grants (DPC: 0401 – 00 - 800 – BT – 2182)

10. The Director of Agriculture is the Estimating, Reconciling and Controlling Authority for the above new head of account.

11. The Director of Agriculture is instructed to send a report on opening of new head of account intimation letter to Principal Accountant General (Audit I / Audit II / F&A Cell / AAD) and Finance (BC / BG.II / Agriculture) Department for further reference.

12. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.18688/2018, dated 25.4.2018 and Additional Sanction Ledger No.138 (one hundred and thirty eight).

(By Order of the Governor)

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