



## **ABSTRACT**

Agriculture – Implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana in all the districts of Tamil Nadu except Chennai during 2017-2018 - Administrative approval – Accorded - Orders - Issued.

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## **AGRICULTURE (AP6) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.(Ms) No.135.

Dated: 24.05.2017.

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Read:

1. G.O.(Ms).No.220, Agriculture (AP6) Department, dated 21.7.2016.
2. From the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare Letter No.13015/03/2016-Credit-II, dated 23.2.2017.
3. From the Director of Agriculture, letter No.G1/24194/2017, dated 29.3.2017.

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## **ORDER:**

In the Government Order first read above, among others, orders have been issued according administrative approval for the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana at a cost of Rs.487.3703 crore in all the districts of Tamil Nadu except Chennai from Kharif, 2016 season onwards.

2. The Government of India in their letter second read above has informed that a budget provision of Rs.9,000 crore have been allocated under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme, Pilot Unified Package Insurance Scheme and Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme during the financial year 2017-2018 for meeting the Government of India liabilities and requested the participating State Governments to make suitable / necessary budgetary provisions for implementation during 2017-2018 as per the administrative approval and Operational Guidelines of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana issued by them.

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3. During the Budget Speech 2017 – 2018 in the Legislative Assembly on 16.3.2017, among others, the Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Finance and Personnel & Administrative Reforms has announced as follows:-

“28. A new comprehensive crop insurance scheme, the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) is being implemented in this State since Kharif 2016. Under this scheme, 15.20 lakh farmers have been enrolled during 2016-2017 covering an area of 30.33 lakh acres. This Government has sanctioned Rs.487.37 crore towards premium subsidy during 2016-2017. During 2017-2018, efforts will be taken to bring more cropped area under this insurance scheme for which Rs.522.70 crore has been provided as premium subsidy in the Budget Estimates 2017-2018.”

4. The Director of Agriculture in his letter third read above has informed that, it is proposed to continue with the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme in all the districts of Tamil Nadu except Chennai during 2017-2018 as per the existing Government of India guidelines and instructions issued thereon. It is also proposed to continue with the implementation of Unified Package Insurance Scheme in Cuddalore and Nagapattinam districts on pilot basis during 2017-2018. In this context, it is proposed to cover 23.90 lakh farmers as detailed below:-

Sl. No.	Crop	Kharif 2017 (Lakh Numbers)			Rabi 2017-18 (Lakh Numbers)			Total (Lakh Numbers)		
		Loanee Farmers	Non – Loanee Farmers	Total	Loanee Farmers	Non - Loanee Farmers	Total	Loanee Farmers	Non - Loanee Farmers	Total
1.	Agriculture	2.30	5.30	7.60	4.00	9.30	13.30	6.30	14.60	20.90
2.	Horticulture	0.36	0.84	1.20	0.54	1.26	1.80	0.90	2.10	3.00
	Total	2.66	6.14	8.80	4.54	10.56	15.10	7.20	16.70	23.90

5. The Director of Agriculture has, therefore, requested the Government to accord administrative and financial sanction for implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana at a cost of Rs.522.70 crore in all the districts of Tamil Nadu except Chennai during 2017-2018.

6. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Director of Agriculture accord administrative approval for the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana at a cost of Rs.522.70 crore (Rupees Five Hundred Twenty Two Crore and Seventy Lakh only) (Agriculture Department: Rs.513.20 crore and Horticulture Department: Rs.9.50 crore) in all the districts of Tamil Nadu except Chennai during 2017-2018 as per the Administrative Approval and Operational Guidelines of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana issued by the Government of India.

7. The Director of Agriculture and the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops are authorized to release 50% of the fair estimate of the premium subsidy

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based on the claims of the approved Implementing Agencies following the Government of India subsidy pattern in the selected cluster at the beginning of crop season and the balance premium claim on the closure of the season based on the claims of the approved Implementing Agencies.

8. The Director of Agriculture and the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops are authorized to include additional areas and crops to be notified during Rabi season of 2017-2018, subject to approval of the State Level Coordination Committee on Crop Insurance.

9. The Director of Agriculture and the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops are permitted to approve the premium rates quoted by the Implementing Agencies for the additional areas and new crops to be notified during 2017-2018, subject to approval of the State Level Coordination Committee on Crop Insurance.

10. The Director of Agriculture and the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops are permitted to adopt the premium rates already approved for three years (2016-2017 to 2018-2019).

11. The Director of Agriculture and the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops are authorized to settle the pending premium subsidy claims of previous years raised by the Implementing Agencies based on the budget provision of 2017-2018.

12. The Director of Agriculture and the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops are authorized to implement the Pilot Unified Package Insurance Scheme (UPIS) during 2017-2018 in Cuddalore and Nagapattinam districts which are prone to frequent risks.

13. The Director of Agriculture is authorized to implement the Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme (CPIS) during 2017-2018 in all the districts of Tamil Nadu except Chennai through Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited in accordance with Government of India guidelines / directions.

14. The Director of Agriculture and the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops are permitted to send proposals for additional allotment as and when required.

15. The Government further direct that as per the decision already taken by the State Government during 2014, the Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) need not be implemented.

16. The Director of Agriculture and the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops are requested to strictly follow the Administrative Approval and Operational Guidelines of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana issued by the Government of India while implementing the scheme.

17. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.26726/Agri/2017, dated 24.05.2017.

(By Order of the Governor)

Gagandeep Singh Bedi,  
Agricultural Production Commissioner and  
Principal Secretary to Government.

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The Director of Agriculture, Chennai – 5.

