



ABSTRACT

Agriculture – Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) - Permission for utilizing the 1165 outsourced staff for conduct of Crop Cutting Experiments upto 31.03.2020 under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and sanction of Rs.6,47,15,750/- towards payment of enhanced honorarium from May, 2019 to March, 2020 – Accorded - Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE (AP2) DEPARTMENT

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2050, விகாரி, ஆவணி மாதம் 17-ஆம் நாள்

G.O.(Ms).No.184

Dated: 3.9.2019.

Read:

1. G.O.(Ms) No.220, Agriculture (AP6) Department, dated 21.07.2016.
2. G.O.(Ms) No.350, Agriculture (AP6) Department, dated 02.12.2016.
3. G.O.(Ms).No.353, Agriculture (AP6) Department, dated 05.12.2016.
4. G.O.(Ms).No.294, Agriculture (AP6) Department, dated 27.11.2017.
5. From the Director of Agriculture, Letter No. G1/116931/2016, dated 9.4.2019 and 17.5.2019.
6. G.O.(Ms).No.147, Agriculture (AP2) Department, dated 23.7.2019.

ORDER:-

In the Government Order first read above, administrative sanction was accorded for the implementation of "Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana" (PMFBY) at a cost of Rs.487.3703 Crore in all the districts of Tamil Nadu (except Chennai) from Kharif 2016 season onwards by replacing the existing "National Agricultural Insurance Scheme" (NAIS) and to implement Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme (CPIS) as per existing Government of India guidelines.

2. In the Government Order second read above, orders have been issued sanctioning an amount of Rs.8.25 lakh towards advertisement charges and for meeting the expenditure on purchase of stationery, conduct of meetings, miscellaneous, etc. in respect of conducting Crop Cutting Experiments in the State under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana during the year 2016-2017.

3. In the Government Order third read above, orders were issued sanctioning a sum of Rs.13.140 crore towards outsourcing of 1095 additional staff (1093 staff for Crop Cutting Experiments in Districts + 2 Data Entry Operators for Data Entry Operations at Directorate of Agriculture = 1095) @ Rs.10,000/- per month per staff towards implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana during the year

2016 - 2017 for 12 months. In para 7 (iv) of the above said Government Order it has been ordered as follows:-

"The candidates shall be selected as per the educational qualifications prescribed and appointed purely on temporary and contractual basis for a period of one year only from the date of appointment. After the completion of one year from the date of appointment, the requirement will be assessed and decided by the State Level Coordination Committee on Crop Insurance."

4. In the Government Order fourth read above, orders were issued sanctioning a sum of Rs.21,21,000/- towards outsourcing of 70 staff for Krishnagiri district for the period from November, 2017 to January, 2018 @ Rs.10,000/- per month per staff towards conducting Crop Cutting Experiments under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana during the year 2017 - 2018.

5. In the Government Order sixth read above, orders were issued according administrative approval for implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana in all the districts of Tamil Nadu except Chennai during 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 as per the existing Government of India guidelines and instructions issued thereon and also financial sanction for an amount of Rs.634.7438 crore (Agriculture: Rs.621.1542 crore; Horticulture: Rs.13.5896 crore) during the year 2019 - 2020 towards settlement of State share of premium subsidy, Payments for Professional and Special Services, advertisement and contingencies as provided in the Budget Estimate 2019-2020.

6. During the 40th State Level Coordination Committee on Crop Insurance meeting held on 27.3.2018 for implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana during Kharif 2018 season, the Committee, interalia, has approved the following:-

- (i). to utilize the staff outsourced for conduct of Crop Cutting Experiments till 31.3.2019 and accepted the proposal of Director of Agriculture sent to the Government in this regard and recommended to the Government for issue of necessary orders.
- (ii). to instruct the District Collectors to extend the contractual period of the placement agency till March, 2019 in all the districts except Kanyakumari, Coimbatore, Theni, Trichy and Tirupur.
- (iii). to instruct the District Collectors to engage the contractual staff already provided by the concerned manpower placement agencies during 2018-2019 by providing a break in service for a week as the present out-sourced staff have already been trained in the activities of conduct of Crop Cutting Experiments such as uploading of notified crop, district, block, firka and villages in the Government of India portal, educating farmers on Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and conducting awareness campaign at village level, identification of the field allotted by Department of Economics Statistics & planning of Crop Cutting Experiments, conducting Crop Cutting Experiments at village level, capturing of Crop Cutting Experiments in the mobile app, sending Form-I & Form-II details and uploading the yield data in the Government of India crop insurance portal.
- (iv). to permit the District Collectors to fill up the vacancies, if any, through the concerned placement agency.

- (v). to permit the District Collectors to settle the outsourcing service charges to the placement agency from the salary of the outsourced staff.
- (vi). the Committee accepted the proposal of Director of Agriculture requesting additional sanction of Rs.7.38 crore towards increase in salary from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.11,000/- and settlement of charges for TDS/PF/ESI and GST @18% by the outsourcing agency from April 2018 to March 2019 for 1,165 out-sourced staff. The Committee also recommended the same to Government for issue of necessary orders.

7. During the 43rd State Level Coordination Committee on Crop Insurance meeting conducted on 19.3.2019 to notify area and crops during Kharif 2019 season, the Committee interalia requested the Director of Agriculture to send proposal to Government requesting sanction of a consolidated pay of Rs.15,050/- per month (inclusive of EPF, ESI, Service charge and GST) to the outsourced Crop Cutting Experiments staff as provided to the outsourced staff (Computer Data Entry Operators) under National e-Governance Plan for Agriculture (NeGP- A) vide G.O.(Ms).No.64, Agriculture (AP2) Department, dated 7.3.2019.

8. The Director of Agriculture, has, therefore requested the Government to issue orders on the decisions taken in the State Level Coordination Committee on Crop Insurance (SLCCCI) meetings and for additional financial sanction for a sum of Rs.6,47,15,750/- towards increase in honorarium to the staff outsourced for the conduct of Crop Cutting Experiments through the outsourcing agency from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.15,050/- and settlement of charges of TDS/PF/ESI and Goods and Service Tax for 11 months from May, 2019 to March, 2020.

9. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Director of Agriculture and in view of the decisions taken during the 40th State Level Coordination Committee on Crop Insurance (SLCCCI) meeting held on 27.3.2018, hereby, ratify the action of Director of Agriculture in having utilized the services of 1095 additional staff (1093 staff for Crop Cutting Experiments in Districts + 2 Data Entry Operators for Data Entry Operations at Directorate of Agriculture = 1095) sanctioned in Government Order third read above from 1.1.2018 to 31.3.2019 in all the districts of Tamil Nadu except Coimbatore, Kanyakumari, Theni, Trichy and Tirupur and 70 additional staff outsourced for Krishnagiri district for conducting Crop Cutting Experiments sanctioned in Government Order fourth read above from 1.2.2018 to 31.3.2019 in Krishnagiri District.

10. The Government also permit the Director of Agriculture to utilize the 1165 outsourced staff sanctioned in the Government Orders third and fourth read above for conduct of Crop Cutting Experiments from 1.4.2019 to 31.3.2020 under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.

11. Based on the approval of 43rd State Level Coordination Committee on Crop Insurance (SLCCCI) meeting held on 19.3.2019, the Government hereby increase the honorarium / salary of the staff outsourced for conduct of Crop Cutting Experiments from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.15,050/- (inclusive of EPF, ESI, Service charge and GST) from 1.5.2019 onwards in line with outsourced Computer Data Entry Operators under National e-Governance Plan for Agriculture (NeGP-A) vide G.O.(Ms).No.64, Agriculture (AP2) Department, dated 7.3.2019.

12. The Government hereby sanction a sum of Rs.6,47,15,750/- (Rupees Six Crore Forty Seven Lakh Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty only) towards increase in the honorarium / salary to the staff outsourced for conduct of Crop Cutting Experiments from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.15,050/- and settlement of charges of TDS/PF/ESI and GST from May, 2019 to March, 2020.

13. The amount sanctioned in para 12 above shall be debited to the following head of account:-

2401- 00 Crop Husbandry-110 Crop Insurance- State's Expenditure - JJ – State's share towards premium subsidy under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) for Agriculture Crops - 333 - Payments for Professional and Special Services – 04 – Contract Payment

(IFHRMS DPC: 2401 00 110 JJ 33304)

(Old DPC: 2401 00 110 JJ 3348)

14. Necessary additional funds of Rs.6,47,15,750/- will be provided in Revised Estimate / Final Modified Appropriation 2019 – 2020 under the relevant head of account. Pending provision of such funds, the Director of Agriculture is authorized to draw and disburse the amount sanctioned in para 12 above to the concerned. However, the expenditure shall be brought to the notice of the Legislature by specific inclusion in the Supplementary Estimate 2019-2020. The Director of Agriculture is directed to include this expenditure while sending the budget proposal for Revised Estimate / Final Modified Appropriation 2019 – 2020 and also to send necessary draft explanatory notes for including the above expenditure in the Supplementary Estimates 2019-2020 to Government in Finance (BG-I/Agri) Department at the appropriate time without fail.

15. The Director of Agriculture is authorized to draw and disburse the amount to the District Joint Directors of Agriculture as per the filled up staff for settlement and the Joint Directors of Agriculture will release the amount to outsourcing agencies.

16. The Director of Agriculture is directed to pay the honorarium to the staff outsourced for conduct of Crop Cutting Experiments through the Outsourcing Agency and the process to be monitored by the concerned Joint Directors of Agriculture.

17. The Director of Agriculture is instructed that outsourcing of the Crop Cutting Experiments staff shall be done on competitive bidding basis by following the procedures mentioned in the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998.

18. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.41281/Fin (Agri)/2019, dated 30.8.2019 and Additional Sanction Ledger No.1302 (One thousand three hundred and two).

(By Order of the Governor)

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

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The Registrar of Cooperatives Societies, Chennai-10.

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