



ABSTRACT

Agriculture – Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) - Permission to outsource 157 staff for conducting Crop Cutting Experiments in Horticulture and Plantation Crops Department and one Data Entry Operator to the Directorate of Horticulture and Plantation Crops - Sanction of Rs.1,73,95,300/- towards outsourcing and advertisement charges – Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE (AP2) DEPARTMENT

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2050, விகாரி, புரட்டாசி மாதம் 7-ஆம் நாள்

G.O.(Ms).No.223.

Dated: 24 .9.2019.

Read:

1. G.O.(Ms).No.220, Agriculture (AP6) Department, dated 21.7.2016.
2. G.O (Ms). No. 350, Agriculture (AP6) Department, dated 2.12.2016.
3. G.O.(Ms).No.353, Agriculture (AP6) Department, dated 5.12.2016.
4. G.O.(Ms).No.294, Agriculture (AP6) Department, dated 27.11.2017.
5. From the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, Letter No. MIS/16607/ 2018, dated 5.10.2018.
6. G.O.(Ms).No.147, Agriculture (AP2) Department, dated 23.7.2019.
7. G.O.(Ms).No.184, Agriculture (AP2) Department. dated 3.9.2019.

ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, administrative approval was accorded for 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 for 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 have been 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 2016-2017 with terms and conditions.

4. In the Government order fourth read above, an amount of Rs.21.21 lakh was sanctioned towards outsourcing of 70 staff for conducting Crop Cutting

Experiments during the year 2017-2018 in Krishnagiri District for the period from November, 2017 to January, 2018 @ Rs.10,000/- per month per staff towards conducting of 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. In the letter fifth read above, the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops has stated that in Horticulture, for Kharif season, Banana, Tapioca, Potato, Turmeric and Onion are the five crops notified at revenue village level. Likewise for Rabi season, Banana, Tapioca, Potato, Red Chillies and Onion are notified at revenue village level. The number of Crop Cutting experiments to be conducted is four per notified revenue village under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. In Horticulture Department, 18,976 Crop Cutting Experiments are conducted (Kharif – 9884 and Rabi – 9092) per year. The Assistant Horticulture Officers working in Blocks are responsible for conducting the Crop Cutting Experiments in addition to implementing various Horticulture schemes. As on date, out of 1633 Assistant Horticulture Officer posts, 854 Assistant Horticulture Officer posts are vacant in Horticulture Department and Crop Cutting Experiments has to be done in 14 districts of Coimbatore, Dharmapuri, Erode, Kanyakumari, Karur, Namakkal, Perambalur, Ramanathapuram, Salem, Sivagangai, Tirunelveli, Tiruppur, Trichy and Tuticorin. Taking into consideration that one Assistant Horticulture Officer can conduct 20 Crop Cutting Experiments, the available Assistant Horticulture Officers are not sufficient to conduct the requisite Crop Cutting Experiments allotted for those districts under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana during 2018-19. Hence, there is a shortage of staff (Assistant Horticulture Officers) for conducting 9,288 Crop Cutting Experiments in 14 districts. Hence, the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops has proposed that 157 temporary staff may be recruited through outsourcing for Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana by adopting the selection procedure ordered in the Government order third read above till the required staff are positioned in the Horticulture Department. Moreover, one Data Entry Operator is required at the Directorate of Horticulture and Plantation Crops to carry out data entry / typing works related to Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. Also, an amount of Rs.7.50 Lakh is required to carry out Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana related advertising works in 30 districts to popularize the scheme among the farmers. The requirement for outsourcing staff is calculated @ 60 Crop Cutting Experiments to be performed by one individual. The salary for the Crop Cutting Experiments outsourcing staff and Data Entry Operator is calculated @ Rs.15,460/- per month including TDS/PF/ESI and Goods and Service Tax.

7. Taking into consideration the extensive field work involved in conducting the Crop Cutting Experiments in time, shortage of Assistant Horticulture Officers in specified districts, work involved in uploading observations in mobile app and

furnishing the yield data, the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops has requested the Government-

- i. To permit him to outsourcing of 157 temporary staff for conducting Crop Cutting Experiments by adopting the selection procedure issued in the Government order third read above in 14 districts viz., Coimbatore, Dharmapuri, Erode, Kanyakumari, Karur, Namakkal, Perambalur, Ramanathapuram, Salem, Sivagangai, Tirunelveli, Tiruppur, Trichy and Tuticorin and one Data Entry Operator at Directorate of Horticulture and Plantation Crops and
- ii. To sanction an amount of Rs.3,00,62,160/- towards payment of salary to 157 Crop Cutting Experiments outsourced staff, one Data Entry Operator and advertisement charges as detailed below:-

| S. No. | Details | Amount (in Rupees) |
|--------|---|----------------------|
| 1 | Outsourcing 157 staff for conduct of Crop Cutting Experiments for 2018-19 under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (Rs.11,000/- x 157 nos. x 12 months) | 2,07,24,000/- |
| 2 | Rs.4,460/- per staff towards settlement of charges for TDS/PF/ESI (Rs.2480/-) and GST @ 18 % (Rs.1980/-) (Rs. 4,460/- x 157 nos. x 12 months) | 84,02,640/- |
| 3 | Outsourcing of one Data Entry Operator at Directorate of Horticulture Office, Chepauk, Chennai – 5 for the year 2018-19. (Rs.11,000/- + Rs.4,460/-) x 12 months | 1,85,520/- |
| 4 | Amount required for advertising @ Rs.25,000/- per district (30 districts x Rs.25,000/-) for the year 2018-19 | 7,50,000/- |
| | Total | 3,00,62,160/- |

8. In the Government Order seventh read above, orders were issued to enhancing the salary of outsourcing Crop Cutting Experiment staff from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.15,050/- (inclusive of EPF, ESI, Service charge and GST).

9. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, and hereby accord permission to outsource 157 temporary staff for conducting Crop Cutting Experiments in 14 districts viz., Coimbatore, Dharmapuri, Erode, Kanyakumari, Karur, Namakkal, Perambalur, Ramanathapuram, Salem, Sivagangai, Tirunelveli, Tiruppur, Trichy and Tuticorin and one Data Entry Operator at Directorate of Horticulture and Plantation Crops Office @ Rs.15,050/- (inclusive of EPF, ESI, Service charge and GST) by adopting the selection procedure ordered by Government in the G.O. third read above, subject to for the period of seven months from September, 2019 to March, 2020 (or) the necessity ceases, whichever is earlier and sanction an amount of Rs.1,73,95,300/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Three Lakh Ninety Five Thousand and Three Hundred only) towards payment of honorarium to 157 staff to be outsourced from September, 2019 to March, 2020 for conducting of Crop Cutting Experiments and

one Data Entry Operator and Rs.7,50,000/- as advertisement charges at the rate of Rs.25,000/- per district for 30 districts under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.

10. The amount sanctioned in para 9 above shall be debited to the following head of account:-

"2401 - 00 - Crop Husbandry - 110 - Crop Insurance - State's Expenditure - JK - State's share towards Premium Subsidy under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) for Horticulture Crops" -

- (i). 308 Advertising and Publicity
01 Advertisement Charges
(Old DPC: 2401-00-110-JK-0812)
(IFHRMS DPC: 2401-00-110-JK-30801)
- (ii). 333 Payments for Professional and Special Services.
04 Contract Payment
(Old DPC: 2401-00-110-JK-3346)
(IFHRMS DPC: 2401-00-110-JK-33304)

11. Necessary additional funds of Rs.1,73,95,300/- will be provided in Revised Estimate / Final Modified Appropriation 2019-20. Pending provision of such funds, the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops is permitted to draw and disburse the amount sanctioned in para 9 above to the concerned. However, the expenditure shall be brought to the notice of the Legislature by specific inclusion in the Supplementary Estimate. The Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops is directed to include this expenditure while sending the Budget proposal for Revised Estimate / Final Modified Appropriation 2019-20 and also to send necessary explanatory notes for including the above expenditure in the Supplementary Estimates 2019-20 to Government in Finance (BG-1/Agri) Department at the appropriate time without fail.

12. The Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops is authorized to draw and disburse the amount sanctioned in para 9 above to the District Joint Directors of Horticulture / Deputy Directors of Horticulture as per the sanctioned staff for settlement and the Joint Director of Horticulture/Deputy Director Horticulture will release the amount to outsourcing agencies.

13. The Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops is permitted 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 Horticulture / Deputy Directors of Horticulture concerned.

14. The Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops should take precautionary measures to ensure that the contract is discontinued after March, 2020 as ordered in para 8 above, without any claim for continuity / other sort of claims and preferably this work need to be done not by direct contract but through Agency method to avoid any disputes.

15. The Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops 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.

16. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.41636/Finance(Agri) Department, dated 20.2.2019 and Additional Sanction Ledger No.1496 (One thousand four hundred and ninety six) .

(By Order of the Governor)

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

To

The Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, Chennai – 5.

The Director of Agriculture , Chennai – 5.

The Principal Secretary / Commissioner of Economics and Statistics, Chennai – 6.

The District Collectors, Coimbatore, Dharmapuri, Erode, Kanyakumari, Karur, Namakkal, Perambalur, Ramanathapuram, Salem, Sivagangai, Tirunelveli, Tiruppur, Trichy and Tuticorin Districts.

The Commissioner of Revenue Administration & Disaster Management.
Chennai-5.

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

The Registrar of Cooperatives Societies, Chennai-10.

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

The Treasury Officers Concerned.

The Commissioner of Treasury and Accounts, Chennai-15.

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The Private Secretary to Agricultural Production Commissioner and Principal Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department, Chennai-9.

The Finance (Agri.) Department, Chennai- 9.

The Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Chennai –9.

The Assistant Programmer, Agriculture Department, Chennai-9.

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