



ABSTRACT

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare – Tamil Nadu Agricultural University – Announcement made by the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare during Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department Demand 2021-2022 – **“Establishment of new Agricultural College and Research Institute at Chettinad, Sivagangai District”** from the academic year 2021–2022 – Administrative approval and financial sanction for a sum of Rs.2.00 crore - Accorded - Orders - Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (AU) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms).No. 249

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From the Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University letter No. TNAU – Hon'ble Minister Announcements - 2021-2022 Sl.No.1-Proposal, dated 01.10.2021.

ORDER:

During the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department Demand 2021-2022, the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has made the following announcement on the Floor of the Assembly :-

“1. தற்போது, வேளாண் கல்வி மற்றும் வேளாண் ஆராய்ச்சியின் தேவை அதிகரித்துள்ளது. இதனைக் கருத்தில் கொண்டு, வேளாண் நிதிநிலை அறிக்கையில் கிருஷ்ணகிரியில் புதியதாக அரசுத் தோட்டக் கலைக் கல்லூரி துவங்க அறிவிக்கப்பட்டது. வேளாண் கல்வியின் முக்கியத்துவம் கருதி, 2021 - 2022 ஆம் ஆண்டில் கரூர் மாவட்டம், நாகப்பட்டினம் மாவட்டத்தில் கீழ்வேளூர், சிவகங்கை மாவட்டத்தில் செட்டிநாடு ஆகிய இடங்களில் மூன்று புதிய அரசு வேளாண்மைக் கல்லூரிகள் துவங்குவதற்கு மாநில அரசு தலா ரூ.10 கோடி வீதம் மொத்தம் ரூ.30 கோடி நிதியினை ஒதுக்கும்.”

2. The Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University in his letter read above has stated that presently, agriculture faces many challenges such as (i) low productivity (averaging to 60% of world

average), (ii) decreasing profitability in farming, (iii) rising quality competitiveness under the pressure of globalization, (iv) poor linkage of farms with the market, (v) low knowledge of input agriculture, (vi) wide gap between lab and land experiments, (vii) low level of mechanization and value addition, (viii) Supply Chain Management and Product Lifecycle Management, (ix) lack of qualified manpower to address the new and emerging challenges and deliver solutions at grassroots level, (x) mounting threat to sustainability arising from depleting quality of natural resources, biotic and abiotic stresses and inefficient use of agro-inputs and (xi) poorly coordinated natural disaster management system.

3. In order to sustain, diversify and realize the potential of agriculture sectors, the Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has stated that it is necessary to develop skilled human resources. Agricultural human resource development is a continuous process undertaken by Agricultural Universities. Agricultural Universities impart education in various disciplines of agriculture viz., Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering, Forestry, Horticulture, Veterinary and Animal Husbandry, Dairy Science, Food Technology, Fisheries Science, Agriculture Information Technology, Agri Business Management, etc. It imparts education at the level of diploma, degree, master's and doctoral level.

4. The Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has also stated that in Tamil Nadu, agriculture is the most overriding sector in the economy of the State. Around 70 percent of the State's population is involved in agricultural activities as this is one of the major means of livelihood in Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu occupies an area of 1.3 lakh square kilo metres with an overall area of around 63 lakh hectares for plantation. The primary responsibility of the Government of Tamil Nadu is to activate stability in the agricultural sector and also increase the sustainability in the agricultural production of the State. This is done with an objective to meet the demands put forth by the growing population in the food segment as well as the raw material demand in the agro-based industries. Agriculture in Tamil Nadu has executed a creditable performance over the years with the help of so many efficient farmers who are both responsive and receptive to the technological development introduced in the agricultural sector of Tamil Nadu.

5. To further strengthen the initiatives, it is proposed to establish an Agricultural College and Research Institute at Chettinad in Sivagangai District with the following objectives:-

- i) Imparting Agricultural Education to the more aspiring students;
- ii) Transferring of Agricultural Technologies in effective manner in Sivagangai District;

- iii) Facilitating access to professional education by underprivileged students; and
- iv) Providing affordable and quality agricultural education in an inexpensive manner.

6. The justifications are as follows:-

The proposed Agricultural College will immensely help the aspiring students from the district of Sivagangai to gain agricultural education. The students will form a niche of agricultural graduates to transfer the agricultural technologies to the farming community of the District and the State. The agricultural graduates will help in sustaining the agricultural production, productivity and sustain the agriculture in a better way.

7. The Budget for the project is as follows:-

Budget Requirement for First year 2021-2022

A. Proposed Staff strength with Budget details for Establishing new Agricultural College and Research Institute at Chettinad, Sivagangai District.

S. No.	Name of the Post	No. of posts considered for creation and sanction	Level of Pay	Financial Commitment per person (in Rupees)	Total Financial Commitment for four months* (in Rupees)
1.	Nodal Officer	1	UGC-14 Rs.144200-218200	1,74,034	6,96,136
2.	Professor (Agronomy / Plant Breeding/ Horticulture)	1	UGC-14 Rs.144200-218200	1,74,034	6,96,136
3.	Assistant Professor	4	UGC-10 Rs.57700-182400	72,829	11,65,264
4.	Assistant Agricultural Officer	1	Level-10 Rs.20600-75900	25,862	1,03,448
5.	Lab Assistant	1	Level-8 Rs.19500-71900	24,495	97,980
6.	Assistant	1	Level-10 Rs.20600-75900	25,862	1,03,448
	Total	9		4,97,116	28,62,412

* For four months from November 2021 to February 2022.

B. Infrastructure Requirements

Sl. No.	Buildings (Civil Works)	Amount (Rupees in Lakh)
1.	Main Building - Construction of first floor	671.38
2.	Creation of smart classroom room facilities, recurring contingencies, vehicle hiring and fuel charges	100.00
3.	Furniture for college, classroom and vessels for hostels	30.00
4.	Safe drinking facility and Irrigation Water facility	10.00
5.	Laboratory equipment and chemicals	50.00
6.	Purchase of computers, printer, photo copying facilities, water cooler, phone, intercom	20.00
7.	Land improvements and soil conservation fuel charges	50.00
8.	Farm equipment, implements	10.00
9.	Renovation of existing building	30.00
	Total	971.38

Abstract of Budget Requirement for First year 2021-2022

Name of the component	Amount (in Rupees)
A. Proposed Staff strength with Budget details for Establishing new Agricultural College and Research Institute, Sivagangai	28,62,412
B. Infrastructure Requirements	9,71,38,000
Total	10,00,00,412

The fund of Rs.10.00 crore has to be sanctioned from the State Fund.

8. The Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has further stated that as establishment of a full fledged Agricultural College and Research Institute requires about Rs.120.31 crore over a period of 2-3 years, a separate Detailed Project Report (DPR) will be sent after identifying the suitable land, obtaining Government Order for establishment of the college and based on the initial allotment of first year students for the academic year 2021 - 2022.

9. The Government, after careful examination on the proposal of the Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University hereby issues the following orders:-

- (i) Administrative approval is accorded for "**Establishment of new Agricultural College and Research Institute at Chettinad, Sivagangai District**" from the academic year 2021 - 2022;

- (ii) Financial sanction is accorded for initial payment for a sum of Rs. 2.00 crore (Rupees Two crore only) towards the infrastructure requirements for the new Agricultural College and Research Institute at Chettinad, Sivagangai District as per the following break up details:-

Sl. No.	Component	Amount (Rupees in Lakh)
1.	Land Improvement	40.00
2.	Renovation of Existing Building	50.00
3.	Furniture	6.00
4.	Construction of Toilet	17.00
5.	Drinking Water	4.00
6.	Farm Equipments implements	10.00
7.	Lab Equipments	5.00
8.	Stationery	3.00
9.	Vehicle Hiring	3.00
10.	Computers, Printers and Photo Copier	15.00
11.	Food	7.00
12.	Contingencies and Others	40.00
	TOTAL	200.00

- (iii) Approval is accorded for sanction / creation of the following 9 (nine) posts for the new Agricultural College and Research Institute at Chettinad, Sivagangai District:-

Sl.No.	Name of the Post	Number of Posts
1.	Nodal Officer	1
2.	Professor (Agronomy/ Plant Breeding/ Horticulture)	1
3.	Assistant Professor	4
4.	Assistant Agricultural Officer	1
5.	Lab Assistant	1
6.	Assistant	1
	Total	9

- (iv) The fund requirement for the 9 new posts created as indicated at item (iii) above shall be considered while sanctioning Grant to Tamil Nadu Agricultural University in the fourth quarter of Financial Year 2021-2022.

10. The Government also directs that sanction of Rs.671.38 lakh required for construction of building for new Agricultural College and Research Institute at Chettinad, Sivagangai District shall be examined separately after acquisition of land for the College and detailed estimates.

11. The expenditure sanctioned in para 9(ii) above shall be debited under the following head of account:-

2415-Agricultural Research and Education-01 Crop Husbandry - 120 Assistance to Other Institutions - State's Expenditure - AK Grants to Tamil Nadu Agricultural University to establish Agricultural/ Horticultural Colleges and Research Institutions 309 Grants-in-Aid-03 Grants for Specific Schemes.

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12. The Director of Agriculture is the Estimating, Reconciling and Controlling authority to the above new Head of Account. The Pay and Accounts Officer/Treasury Officers concerned is requested to open the above new Head of Account in their records.

13. The expenditure sanctioned in para 9(ii) above constitutes an item of "New Instrument of Service". The approval of the Legislature shall be obtained in due course. Pending approval of the Legislature, the expenditure may be initially met by drawal of an advance from the contingency fund. The Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University 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-I) Department directly in Form "A" appended to the Tamil Nadu Contingency Rules 1963 along with a copy of this order. Orders for sanction of an advance from the Contingency Fund will be issued from Finance (BG-I) Department. The Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University is also requested to send necessary draft explanatory notes for inclusion of this expenditure in the Supplementary Estimate for the year 2021-2022 to Finance (BG-I/Agri) Department at an appropriate time without fail.

14. The Joint Director of Agriculture, Coimbatore is authorized to draw the amount sanctioned in para 9(ii) above and disburse the same to the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.

15. The Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University is directed to follow the existing Financial Procedures/ Government Orders while incurring the expenditure sanctioned in para 9(ii) above.

16. The Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University is also directed to take immediate action to identify the land required for the College and to send detailed proposal requesting sanction of funds along with Detailed Project Report / detailed estimates for construction of buildings to the new Agricultural College and Research Institute at Chettinad, Sivagangai District.

17. The Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University is further directed to include the fund requirement for the new 9 posts created vide para 9(iii) above in the proposal requesting for sanction of Grant to Tamil Nadu Agricultural University for the 4th quarter of financial year 2021-2022 as ordered in para 9(iv) above.

18) This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its C.No.224 JS(GKT)/Agri. &FW/2021, dated: 11.12.2021 and ASL No. 1140 (One thousand one hundred and forty)

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION COMMISSIONER
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The Director of Agriculture, Chepauk, Chennai-5.

The Director of Local Fund Audit, Chennai - 108.

The Deputy Director of Local Fund Audit, Coimbatore-3.

The Joint Director of Agriculture, Coimbatore -3.

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