



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 Budget Speech 2021-2022 – **“Establishment of new Horticultural College and Research Institute at Jeenur, Krishnagiri District”** from the academic year 2021-2022 – Administrative approval and financial sanction – Accorded - Orders - Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (AU) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms).No.250

Dated: 17.12.2021

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Read:

From the Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University letter No. TNAU-Agriculture Budget Speech Announcements-2021- Sl.No.64 - Proposal, dated: 01.10.2021.

ORDER:

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

“64. A new Horticulture College in Tamil Nadu

In view of increasing importance and significance of horticulture in Tamil Nadu, a new Horticultural College will be inaugurated in an area of 150 acre at Jeenur, Krishnagiri District which is rich in Horticulture cultivation and successful in production as well as business of horticulture crops. This will fulfill the interests of students who are willing to learn horticulture. This will be implemented with an allocation of Rs.10 crore.”

2. The Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University in his letter read above has stated that currently horticulture is being commercialized and high-tech production systems are being introduced viz., protected cultivation, precision farming, ultra high density planting systems, GAP certified production systems which necessitate the generation of technically competent human resources in the horticulture

sector. There are three existing horticulture colleges at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University and two affiliated colleges that produce B.Sc. (Hons) Horticulture graduates. At present, 400 horticulture graduates pass out every year. The capacity needs to be increased three fold. This would effectively address the challenges in research, education, extension and business domains. The Establishment of Horticulture College is mainly planned for fulfilling the interests of students who are willing to learn Horticulture besides promoting Horticultural cultivation and its business prospects considering the richness of Horticulture in Krishnagiri District. Thus, promoting Horticulture in a bigger way in Tamil Nadu especially in the Horticulture dense Krishnagiri District besides inculcating Horticultural Education among the aspiring candidates considering only three Horticultural Colleges which are presently available, Establishment of new Horticultural College and Research Institute at Jeenur will be helpful.

3. To further strengthen the initiatives, it is proposed to establish a Horticultural College and Research Institute at Jeenur, Krishnagiri District with the following objectives:-

- To impart education in different branches of horticulture and allied sciences;
- To promote research in horticulture and allied sciences;
- To extend the benefits of such sciences to rural people and farmers; and
- To generate quality human resources required for public and private sectors pertaining to horticulture.

4. The duration of the project is four years (2021-2025) and the activities covered in this project are as follows:-

- To start a new Horticultural College at Jeenur, Krishnagiri District, 40 Students shall be admitted in the current academic year at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore;
- Until the construction of buildings at Jeenur, the students shall undergo the first year of study at Regional Research Station, Paiyur, Krishnagiri District; and
- Steps will be taken to allocate the land from State Horticulture Department to the University;

5. The anticipated benefits are as follows:-

The Krishnagiri district is one of the potential district for cultivation of horticultural crops. Total area under cultivation is 1,82,888 hectares. In that, Horticultural crops have been cultivated in about 80,499 hectares. and the prominent crops under cultivation are Mango, Banana, Tomato,

Beans, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Brinjal, Coriander, Potato, Carrot, Beetroot, Knolkhol, Turmeric, Rose, Gerbera, Carnation, Jasmine and Chrysanthemum. Krishnagiri district is bounded by Vellore and Thiruvannamalai Districts in the East, Karnataka State in the West, Andhra Pradesh State in the North, Dharmapuri District in the South. There is no horticultural college in northern zone of Tamil Nadu. To sustain interest among the rural students and to cater to the increasing demand for horticultural education in the recent year, it is proposed to establish new horticultural college at Jeenuur, Krishnagiri District to satisfy the needs and demands of horticultural areas of Tamil Nadu. This will help to provide education and research activities in horticulture besides training to farmers to improve their livelihood.

6. 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, Jeenuur, Krishnagiri District.

S. No.	Name of the Post	No. of posts to be sanctioned	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 facilities, vehicle hiring, fuel charges and office contingencies	100.00
3.	Furniture for buildings and vessels for hostels	30.00
4.	Safe drinking facility and Irrigation Water facility	10.00
5.	Laboratory equipments and chemicals	50.00
6.	Purchase of computers, printer, photo copying facilities, water cooler, phone, intercom	20.00
7.	Land improvements and soil conservation, Contour bunding	50.00
8.	Farm equipments and 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 & Research Institute, Jeenuur	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.

7. The Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has further stated that as establishment of a full fledged Horticultural College and Research Institute requires about Rs.120.88 crore over a period of 2-3 years, a separate Detailed Project Report (DPR) will be sent after identifying suitable land and obtaining Government Order for establishment of the college and based on the initial allotment of first year students for the academic year 2021-22.

8. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University hereby

issues the following orders:-

- (i) Administrative approval is accorded for **"Establishment of new Horticultural College and Research Institute at Jeenur, Krishnagiri District"** from the academic year 2021- 2022;
- (ii) Financial sanction is accorded for initial payment for a sum of Rs. 2,00,00,000/- (Rupees Two crore only) towards the infrastructure requirements for the new Horticultural College and Research Institute at Jeenur, Krishnagiri 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 Horticultural College and Research Institute at Jeenur, Krishnagiri 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.

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

10. The expenditure sanctioned in para 8(ii) above shall be debited to 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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11. 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.

12. The expenditure sanctioned in para 8(ii) above shall constitute 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.

13. The Joint Director of Agriculture, Coimbatore is authorized to draw the amount sanctioned in para 8(ii) above and disburse the same to the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.

14. The Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University is directed to follow the existing Financial Procedures/ Government Orders while incurring the expenditure sanctioned in para 8(ii) above.

15. 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 Horticultural College and Research Institute at Jeenur, Krishnagiri District.

16. The Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University is further directed to include the fund requirement for the new 9 posts created vide para 8(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 8(iv) above.

17. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its C.No.225 JS(GKT)/Agri. & FW /2021, dated: 11.12.2021 and ASL No. 1141 (One thousand one hundred and forty one)

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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