



ABSTRACT

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare - Agriculture Budget Announcement 2021-2022 - Recognition of Best Performing Farmers in new local Agri Techniques and Machineries, Organic Farming Practices and Agro Exports - Administrative approval and Financial sanction for a sum of Rs.6.00 lakh - Orders - Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (AP4) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No. 7

Dated: 10.01.2022

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2022,
பிலவ வருடம் மார்கழித் திங்கள்
26-ம் நாள்
Read:

1. From the Director of Agriculture, Letter No. Information/AIW3/83328/2020, dated: 27.08.2021 and 25.11.2021.
2. From the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, Letter No.MIS/15462/2021, dated: 15.09.2021, 11.10.2021 and 08.12.2021.
3. From the Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board, Letter No.E3/3629/2021, dated: 27.09.2021 and 30.11.2021.

ORDER:

The Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has made the following Announcement in the Agriculture Budget during the year 2021-2022:-

"Reward for the best farming farmers who excel in Agriculture"

"Government will support and motivate the farmers who perform well in Organic farming, exporting produces and also local inventions in Agriculture. Hence the Government will recognize best performing farmers who fetch maximum production by adopting traditional organic farming practices and also the best performing exporters who excel in Agro exports with prizes. Similarly, the farmers who invent new local agri techniques and machineries will also be encouraged with prizes. The State Government has allocated an amount of Rs.6,00,000/- for this scheme."

2. In the letter 1st read above, the Director of Agriculture has sent proposal and requested the Government to constitute a District Level Committee and State Level Committee with nominated Members for selection of awardees and requested to sanction a sum of Rs.2 lakh for selection of two best performing farmers i.e., (i) "Local Innovative Technology for Rs.1 lakh and (ii) Invention of Agricultural Implements for Rs.1 lakh.

3. In the letter 2rd read above, the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops has sent proposal to permit her to constitute the State Level Committee with the nominated members for selection of best performing Organic Farmers and requested to sanction a sum of Rs.2 lakh for recognizing three farmers with 1st prize-Rs.1 lakh, 2nd prize-Rs.60,000/- and 3rd prize-Rs.40,000/-.

4. In the letter 3rd read above, the Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board has sent proposal to permit him to constitute the Committee with the nominated members for selection of farmers who perform well in Agriculture export and requested to sanction a sum of Rs.2 lakh to Best performing farmer in Agriculture export.

5. The Government, after careful examination of the proposals of Director of Agriculture, Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops and Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board / Director of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business hereby accord permission to constitute the District Level Committee and State Level Committees as detailed below:-

1. **District Level Committee:-**

For invention of new local Agricultural Technology / Machinery, Organic Farming and Agricultural Export:

District Collector	Chairman
District Joint Director of Agriculture	Member
Deputy Director of Agriculture (GOI)/FTC / Scheme	Member
Scientist from Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU)	Member
Executive Engineer (Agriculture Engineering Department)	Member
Deputy Director of Horticulture of concerned District	Member
Deputy Director of Agriculture (Agri Business)	Member
3 Progressive farmers (The farmers are selected by the Joint Directors of Agriculture and approved by the District Collectors)	Member

2. State Level Committees:

a) Invention of new local Agricultural Technology and Machinery

Director of Agriculture	Chairman
Chief Engineer, Agriculture Engineering Department	Member
Additional Director of Agriculture (Government of India)	Member
Additional Director of Horticulture	Member
Additional Director of Agriculture (Agri Business)	Member
Joint Director of Agriculture (State Scheme)	Member
Deputy Director of Agriculture (IT&T)	Member
One Farmer Representative	Member

b) Organic Farmers:

Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops	Chairman
Additional Director of Agriculture (Government of India / State Scheme) of Directorate of Agriculture	Member
Joint Director of Horticulture (Planning) of Directorate of Horticulture	Member
Joint Director of Agriculture (State Scheme)	Member
Scientist from Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU)	Member
Progressive NGO excelling in Organic Farming	Member

c) Agricultural Export:

1.	Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board	-	Chairman
2.	Director of Agriculture	-	Member
3.	Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops	-	Member
4.	Representative of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)	-	Member
5.	Representative from Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)	-	Member
6.	Representative from Coconut Development Board	-	Member
7.	Representative from Spices Board	-	Member
8.	Representative from Coffee Board	-	Member
9.	Representative from Tea Board	-	Member
10.	Representative from Directorate Cashewnut & Cocoa Development.	-	Member
11.	Representative from Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU)	-	Member
12.	Deputy Director (Agri Business) of Directorate of Agricultural Marketing and Agri-Business	-	Member

6. The Government also accord administrative approval and financial sanction for a sum of Rs.6.00 lakh (Rupees six lakh only) for recognising Best Performing Farmers as detailed below:-

Sl. No.	Category	Award amount (Rs. in lakh)	Head of Department concerned
1.	a) Invention of Local Innovative Technology	1.00	Director of Agriculture
	b) Invention of Agricultural Implements	1.00	
	Total	2.00	
2.	Best Performing Farmer in Organic Farming		Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops
	First Prize	1.00	
	Second Prize	0.60	
	Third Prize	0.40	
	Total	2.00	
3.	Best Performing Farmer in Agricultural Export	2.00	Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board / Director of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business
	Total	2.00	
	Grand Total	6.00	

7. The expenditure sanctioned in para.6 above shall be debited into the following Heads of Account:-

- i. 2401 - 00 CROP HUSBANDRY - 001 Direction and Administration - State's Expenditure - AA Agriculture Department Headquarter Staff - 359 Prizes and Awards - 01 Prizes and Awards.
[IFHRMS DPC: 2401 00 001 AA 35901] - Rs. 2.00 Lakh
- ii. 2401 - 00 CROP HUSBANDRY - 001 Direction and Administration - State's Expenditure - AC Directorate of Agricultural Marketing - 359 Prizes and Awards - 01 Prizes and Awards.
[IFHRMS DPC: 2401 00 001 AC 35901] - Rs. 2.00 Lakh
- iii. 2401 - 00 CROP HUSBANDRY - 001 Direction and Administration - State's Expenditure - AO Directorate of Horticulture - 359 Prizes and Awards - 01 Prizes and Awards.
[IFHRMS DPC: 2401 00 001 AO 35901] - Rs. 2.00 Lakh

8. The Enrolment fee for participating in this endeavour to motivate best performing farmers is Rs.100/- for all the participants contesting for the four categories of award mentioned at para 6 above. The amount collected shall be credited to the following Head of Account:-

0401 – 00 CROP HUSBANDRY – 800 Other Receipts – AJ Crop
Yield Competition – 237 Sale proceeds – 01 Agriculture
[IFHRMS DPC: 0401 00 800 AJ 23701]

9. Necessary additional funds of Rs.6.00 Lakh will be provided in Revised Estimate / Final Modified Appropriation 2021-2022 under the relevant heads of account. Pending provision of such funds the Director of Agriculture, Director of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business and Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops are authorised to draw and disburse the amount sanctioned in para:6 above to the concerned. The Director of Agriculture, Director of Agricultural Marketing and Agri. Business and Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops are directed to include this expenditure while sending the Budget proposal for Revised Estimate / Final Modified Appropriation 2021-2022 to the Government in Finance (Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.) Department at the appropriate time without fail.

10. The Director of Agriculture, the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops and the Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board / the Director of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business are directed to ensure fair conduct of assessment of best performing farmers in all the four categories as mentioned in para 6 above and to reject the Competitions / Competitors who are violating the rules and declare that the final decision is left with the three State Level Committees headed by the Director of Agriculture, the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops and the Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board / the Director of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business regarding any dispute on Prizes.

11. The Guidelines annexed to this order should be strictly followed without deviation.

12. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No.07 /ADS(GKT)/Finance (BG-II)/ 2022, Dated: 07.01.2022 and Additional Sanctioned Ledger No: 1374 (Thousand three hundred seventy four)

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**C. SAMAYAMOORTHY
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION COMMISSIONER
AND SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Director of Agriculture, Chennai – 5.

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

The Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu State Agricultural

Marketing Board / The Director of Agricultural Marketing and Agri
Business Chennai-32.

The Chief Engineer, Agricultural Engineering Department, Chennai-35.
The Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore-13
The Chairman, Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) Udyog Bhawan,
H-Wing, Gate No. 2, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi -110011.
The Chairman, Coconut Development Board, No. 47, F1, Dr. Ramaswami
Salai, K.K. Nagar, Chennai - 600 078, Tamil Nadu.
The Chairman, Spices Board, Sugandha Bhavan "N.H. By Pass,
Palarivattom.P.O, Cochin - 682025
The Chairman, Coffee Board, 1, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi,
Bengaluru - 560 001,
The Chairman, Tea Board, 14, B.T.M. Sarani (Brabourne Road)
Kolkata 700 001
The Chairman, Directorate Cashewnut & Cocoa Development,
8th & 9th Floor, Kera Bhavan SRV School Road, Kochi, Kerala-682011
The Accountant General (A&E), Chennai - 18.
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The Accountant General (Audit-1), Chennai - 18.
The Accountant General (Audit-1), Chennai - 18 (by name)
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The Principal Accountant General (G&SSA), Chennai-35.
The Principal Accountant General, (E&RSA), Chennai-18.
The Residential Audit Officer, O/o. Principal Accountant General
(Social Sector Audit), Chennai-9.
All Collectors (Except Chennai and The Nilgiris)

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Annexure-I

G.O.(Ms).No.7, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (AP4)
Department, Dated: 10.01.2021

**Guidelines for Recognition of Best Performing Farmers in
invention of new local Agri Techniques and Machineries, Organic
Farming Practices and Agro Exporters**

I. The Name of the Four Awards:

1. (a) Best Performing farmer in Local Innovative Technology and b) Best Performing farmer in Invention of Agriculture Implements,
2. Best Performing farmer in Traditional Organic Farming and
3. Best Performing farmer in Agriculture exporter

II. Objectives:

The objective of this scheme is to motivate the farmers who invent Local Innovative Technology and Agriculture Implements, to felicitate the farmers involved in traditional Organic Farming in Horticulture and to motivate the farmer who excel in agro exports.

III. Scope of the Scheme:

- a) To motivate the farmers/ to innovate 'micro-inventions', through changes or modifications to tools and practices which can be easily adopted by the agriculturists / farming community for improving their production and productivity, thereby increasing the income of the farmers.
- b) To motivate the farmers to take up organic farming in Horticultural Crops by preserving the soil fertility thereby providing healthy diet to people.
- c) To encourage the farmers to produce Agricultural Commodities with value addition with world standards for export for realizing remunerative prize.

IV. Implementation of the scheme:

The Scheme is implemented with the financial outlay of Rs.6 lakh (Rupees Six Lakh Only) for recognizing Best Performing Farmers as detailed below:-

Sl. No.	Category	Award amount (Rs. in lakh)	HOD concerned
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	b) Invention of Agricultural Implements	1.00	
	Total	2.00	

[p.t.o]

2.	Best Performing Farmer in Organic Farming		Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops
	First Prize	1.00	
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3.	Best Performing Farmer in Agricultural Export	2.00	Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu Agricultural Marketing Board / Director of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business
	Grand Total	6.00	

V. **Requisite information to be submitted by the farmer participants**

- Enrollment fees for the farmer award is Rs.100/- for all the four categories.
- The applicant should register his / her name through Uzhavan App (A separate provision to be made by the IT Wing of Directorate of Agriculture) and also furnish duly filled application as per annexure.
- No age limit.
- The participant should fill up the format prescribed in Annexure II (Enclosed here) and submit to Assistant Director of Agriculture/Horticulture and Assistant Executive Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) concerned along with Enrolment fees, in the Agricultural Extension Centre as done for Crop Yield Competition. The Acknowledgement for payment of enrolment fee should be given to the participant.
- The farmer should provide complete details on innovative technology / machinery / Organic farming / agricultural export along with his application.

V. Eligibility criteria:

- (i) All the Participants should be farmers (Owned / Lease) and actively involved in farming.
- (ii) Farmers who enrolled in Award for Local Innovative Technology and Invention of Agriculture Implements, Best Performing exporter and Best Farmer Award for Traditional Organic Farming should not participate with the same type of innovation or category in next Financial Years. Anyhow, any improvement / modification in the technology / equipment may be allowed.

- VI. **Conduct of Competition:** On receipt of applications, District Committee should scrutinize the applications and get appointment from District Collector for conducting the competition which should be informed to the participants.
- a. The Director of Agriculture, Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops and the Director of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business / Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu Agricultural Marketing Board may fix sufficient parameters for assessing the best performance in each category.
 - b. The participant should explain his achievement made with proper explanation and justification to the District Level Committee, along with the demonstrations, machinery, photo or video or power point. If any help needed, the Assistant Agriculture Officer (AAO) / Assistant Horticulture Officer (AHO) or Agriculture Officer (AO) / Horticulture Officer (HO) concerned should extend his support to the participants for making this presentation.
 - c. The District Committee should carefully study the performance of the farmers before assessment. If needed, the District team may visit to the field / farmers house for verification.
 - d. Based on the parameters given by the Head of Department concerned, the District Committee should assess the performance and suggest the best performing farmers in each category concerned to State Committee, along with its remarks.
 - e. State Level Committee headed by the Director of Agriculture Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops and the Director of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business / Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu Agricultural Marketing Board should study the report of District Committee and declare the prize winners for the respective category.
 - f. The State Committee has got rights to reject the competitions/competitors who are violating the rules and trying to win the prizes in unlawful ways.
- VII. The final decision is left with the State Level Committee headed by the Director of Agriculture, Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops and the Director of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business / Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu Agricultural Marketing Board on any dispute on Prizes.
- VIII. **Wide Publicity** should be given in the local newspapers for popularizing the intention of the State Government and inviting more participants for the best performance award in all the four categories.

IX. **Prize amount:** The prize amount should be given to winning farmer by way of Demand Draft for Local Innovative Technology and Invention of Agriculture Implements, Agricultural export and Traditional Organic Farming approved by the District and State Level Committee along with Certificate.

- a. The Prize amount should be distributed by people's representative.
- b. Wide publicity on recipient of these awards should be given to disseminate the new technologies or machinery among other farmers and to motivate other farmers to evolve such innovative methods.

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ANNEXURE-II

**APPLICATION FORM FOR ENTRY INTO THE RECOGNITION OF
BEST PERFORMING FARMERS IN INVENTION OF NEW LOCAL AGRI
TECHNIQUES AND MACHINERIES, ORGANIC FARMING PRACTICES
AND AGRO EXPORTERS**

1. a. Applicant's Name ...
- b. Aadhaar Number ...
2. Father's Name ...
3. Address.
4. a) Type of Award
 - a) Innovation of new technologies / machinery
 - i. Type of Innovation,
 - ii. Name of the technology / implements ...
 - iii. Description about the innovation / implements with Photos/
Videos ...
 - iv. Impact on the Agriculture ...
 - v. No. of Farmers convinced on the technology / Machinery
 - b) Organic Farming
 - i. Name of the crop
 - ii. Experience in the Organic Farming.
 - iii. Inputs used for Organic Farming.
 - iv. Yield obtained per acre.
 - v. Additional income earned.
 - vi. No. of Farmers trained by him.
 - c) Farmers who excel in agricultural export
 - i. Name of the commodity
 - ii. Total quantity exported.
 - iii. Destination countries
 - iv. Specific methods followed in the crop
 - v. Additional income earned.
5. Entrance fee paid with receipt No. & Date ...

CERTIFICATE


1. I have read the rules of the best performing farmers in invention of new local agri techniques and machineries, organic farming practices and agro exporters.

2. I am willing to abide with the Terms and Conditions of the same.

Applicant's Signature.

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