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Sub:- Implementation of the State Sector Scheme "Desilting and re-vitalization of Ponds and Tanks" during 2016-17

The State of Goa has several traditional ponds/tanks used for irrigation purpose by farmers. Some of these ponds get silted and rendered unsuitable, to provide irrigation for crops.

The Government of Goa therefore, implement the scheme "Desilting and revitalization of ponds and tanks" in the State of Goa with area of 500m² or less through Department of Agriculture, Goa, since 2003-04 for reviving them for use for irrigation. This scheme is implemented in all Talukas of State of Goa. The Government of Goa has now modified the scheme "Desilting and revitalization of ponds and tanks" and notified scheme as "Desilting and revitalization of ponds and tanks, 2016 vide Notification No.3/ CIN/NRM./ Govt./ Desilt. of ponds & tanks/6/2016-17/D.Agr/255, dated 06-07-2016, to be implemented in the State of Goa from the date of issue of this notification from the financial year 2016-17. The scheme shall remain in force till it is withdrawn or amended by Government of Goa. The scheme has concurrence of Finance (Exp) Department under the U.O. No. 1400025392, dated 06-06-2016. The scheme is to be implemented in all Talukas of States with the below mentioned objectives and components.

1. **Objectives:-**

- (i) To assist the individuals, Users groups/village organizations/NGOs to restore water bodies like ponds and tanks to make them functional and productive, for irrigation.
- (ii) Reviving village infrastructure for irrigation and creating a micro climate conducive to better agriculture growth.
- (iii) To tap the available natural resources to supplement Government efforts for increasing irrigation facilities in agriculture and help in case of contingencies.

2. **Eligibility:-**

- (i) Ponds or water bodies less than 500m² area used for irrigation purpose will be considered for Government assistance under the scheme.
- (ii) The ponds/tanks providing irrigation facilities for individual farmer or group of farmers shall be eligible to be covered under scheme.
- (iii) The individual farmers name should reflect in the abstract of Krishi card issued by the Directorate of Agriculture as having right to the pond to be desilted as owner, tenant or lessee with validity of minimum 10 yrs from year of application.

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3. Pattern of assistance:-

- (i) Individual farmer or Self Help Group (SHG)/Users Group (UG)/Non-Government Organization (NGO) willing to undertake the work of desilting and revitalization of ponds/tanks shall be provided assistance of 100% of the actual cost of the work.
- (ii) Assistance would be limited to the cost of work evaluated by the Department of Agriculture upon completion of the work.
- (iii) Wherever the work is taken up by groups like SHG/UG/NGOs, the assistance would be released in three instalments of 25%, 25%, 50% of the actual evaluated cost by the Department as per the progress of work. In such cases, the first instalment of 25% of estimated cost shall be released after the completion of 25% of estimated work. The second instalment of 25% cost shall be released after completion of 50% work and the final instalment of 50% shall be released after completion of total work and restricted to the actual cost of work evaluated by the Engineers of Directorate of Agriculture. The Zonal Agricultural Officers shall certify the progress of the work as per the evaluation by Engineer.
- (iv) Wherever the work is executed by individual farmer, the subsidy would be released after completion of work, as 100% grants limited to evaluated cost within the cost norms, directly to the beneficiary farmer.
- (v) Wherever the work is executed by registered NGO or SHG or Farmers society by motivation of farmers, such agency shall be provided 10% additional funds of evaluated cost as incentive for mobilizing farmers, preparation of estimates, technical guidance and supervision of work.
- (vi) The incentive amount to NGO, SHG and Farmers society shall be released in two instalments, first 50% of amount at the time of release of first instalment of 25% of work and 2nd 50% after final evaluation and as per the actual evaluated cost.
- (vii) The total assistance shall be restricted in proportion to maximum of Rs. 70,000/- per hectare of area benefitted under the command of pond/tank.
- (viii) The cost of ponds over and above admissible assistance shall be borne by beneficiary and in such case the beneficiary shall make the expenditure of his/her share before release of Government assistance.

4. Procedure and guidelines:-

- (i) Individual Beneficiary or NGO/SHG/UGs shall apply to Zonal Agriculture Officer (Z.A.O) in the specified application form along with documents specified for individual farmer/Group of farmers for the scheme.
- (ii) The Zonal Agriculture Officer will inspect the site for feasibility of work.
- (iii) Junior Engineer attached to Zonal Agriculture Office shall prepare the estimates of the work.

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- (iv) The proposal shall be submitted by J.A.O. with recommendation to NRM wing of Directorate of Agriculture for administrative approval of Director of Agriculture.
- (v) The NRM wing shall scrutinize the proposal and obtain technical sanction from Executive Engineer of Soil Conservation Division attached to the Directorate of Agriculture and convey administrative approval of Directorate of Agriculture to the applicant for execution of work.
- (vi) The beneficiary shall complete the work as per the administrative and technical sanction.
- (vii) Completed cases along with evaluation report and completion certificate by Junior Engineer and by Zonal Agriculture Officer will be submitted to NRM wing of Directorate of Agriculture along with the vouchers, receipts, etc., for release of subsidy.
- (viii) The beneficiary shall provide his/her Bank Mandate.
- (ix) The group beneficiary planning to get the work done through SHG, UG, NGOs, etc., will furnish undertaking authorizing Director of Agriculture to pay subsidy towards completion of the desilting work to the executing agency.
- (x) The NRM wing of Directorate of Agriculture shall verify the case and obtain evaluation certificate from Soil Conservation Division of Directorate of Agriculture, and forward the case to the concerned District Agriculture Office (D.A.O.) to process for expenditure sanction.
- (xi) The subsidy shall be drawn and disbursed by District Agriculture Officer.

5. Documents Required:-

- (i) Application of beneficiary/farmer in the specified form.
- (ii) Krishi card copy/Farmers abstract copy.
- (iii) Power of attorney/Affidavit authorizing NGO/SHG to execute the work.
- (iv) Photograph preferably with farmer beneficiary, before commencement of work and after completion of work.
- (v) Site plan including command area.
- (vi) Present command area of the pond and proposed command area indicated on plan.
- (vii) GAR-32 form with revenue stamp, duly signed by beneficiary.
- (viii) All vouchers/payment receipts as per the estimates of works certified by the Zonal Agricultural Officer.
- (ix) Inspection report with date.
- (x) Bank Mandate of farmer/ beneficiary.
- (xi) Undertaking for use of water for irrigation.
- (xii) List of beneficiaries (in case of group) duly signed by beneficiaries.
- (xiii) Resolution of the group for taking up the work by the applicant NGO/SHG/UGs.

The subsidy under State Sector Scheme for general farmer shall be debited to Budget Head "2402-Soil and Water Conservation, 00, 102- Soil Conservation, 04- Revitalization of Water bodies (Plan), 31- Grants-in Aid, and 33- Subsidies under Demand No.64.

The expenditure for Scheduled Caste farmers shall be debited to the Budget Head 2401- Crop Husbandry, 00, 789-Special Component Plan for Scheduled Caste, 01- Scheduled Caste Development Scheme (Plan), 33- Subsidies" under Demand No.64.

The expenditure for Scheduled Tribe farmers shall be debited to the Budget Head "2401- Crop Husbandry, 00, 796- Tribal Area Sub Plan, 01- Scheduled Tribe Development Scheme (P), 33- Subsidies" under demand No.64.

It may be noted that minimum 12% of expenditure/ target should be utilized for Tribal Area Sub-Plan and 2% of expenditure/target should be utilized for Schedule Caste and these cases may be submitted separately.

The zone-wise physical target for "Desilting and revitalization of ponds & tanks" for the 2nd quarter of the financial year 2016-17 is enclosed herewith. The Zonal Agriculture Officers are requested to make all possible efforts to mobilize the new users/ groups/ SHGs of farmers and individuals to take up desilting of ponds during the current financial year 2016-17 as per the guidelines and achieve the target in full.


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Director of Agriculture

Enclosed: 1) Zone-wise target allotted
2) Annexure - I (I to IX)
3) Annexure - II (I to XV)

To,
The Zonal Agricultural Officers (All) Pernem/ Mapusa/ Bicholim/ Sakhali/ Sattari/
Tiswadi/ Margao/ Ponda/ Sanguem/ Quepem/ Canacona/ Dharbandora-Goa

Copy to:

1. The District Agriculture Officer, North/South District, Goa
2. The Co-ordinator (All) at Head Quarters (i) Dy. Director of Agriculture (CIN)
(ii) Dy. Director of Agriculture (Hort.), (iii) Dy. Director of Agriculture
(Ext & IT)
3. The Programme Co-ordinator, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, South, Margao-Goa
4. The Asstt. Director of Agriculture (P&E), Directorate of Agriculture, Krishi
Bhavan, Tonca, Caranzalem-Goa
5. The Director, Directorate of Accounts, Panaji-Goa.
6. The Joint Director of Accounts, South Branch Margao-Goa.
7. The Accounts Officer, Directorate of Agriculture Krishi Bhavan Tonca,
Caranzalem-Goa
8. The Project Director, ATMA, North/ South-Goa.
9. The Asstt. Director of Agriculture (FT), Farmers Training Centre, Ela, Old-Goa
10. The Farm Superintendent, Government Farm, Codar/ Kalay-Goa.

The zone-wise targets proposed to be allotted for the scheme "Desilting and re-vitalization of Ponds and Tanks", for the cumulative 2nd quarter of the financial year 2016-17

Sr.No.	Zone/Taluka	Target	
		Physical (in Nos.)	Financial (Rs. in lakhs)
1	Zonal Agriculture Officer, Pernem	2	1.00
2	Zonal Agriculture Officer, Bardez	1	0.50
3	Zonal Agriculture Officer, Bicholim	1	0.50
4	Zonal Agriculture Officer, Sankhali	1	0.50
5	Zonal Agriculture Officer, Sattari	1	0.50
6	Zonal Agriculture Officer, Tiswadi	1	0.50
7	Zonal Agriculture Officer, Ponda	1	0.50
8	Zonal Agriculture Officer, Margao	1	0.50
9	Zonal Agriculture Officer, Quepem	1	0.50
10	Zonal Agriculture Officer, Sanguem	1	0.50
11	Zonal Agriculture Officer, Dharbandora	1	0.50
12	Zonal Agriculture Officer, Canacona	1	0.50
	Total	13.00	6.50



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