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Sub:- Implementation of the State Sector Scheme "Assistance for construction of Retaining Wall for Soil Conservation" during 2016-17

The cultivated areas of Goa State distinctly categorized as Ker, Morod, Khazan and upland horticulture. These areas are exposed to soil erosion mainly due to heavy rainfall floods nalla floods, etc. which is prominent in recent years due to change in rainfall pattern the State. The Government of Goa therefore, implements the State Sector Scheme "Assistance for construction of Retaining Wall for Soil Conservation" in the State of Goa with activities like retaining wall of small field nallas, bank of small terrace and bunds, etc. having minimum height of 0.4 mts. and maximum upto 1.5 mts. to protect the fields and cultivated crops from the financial year 2015-16. This scheme is implemented in all Talukas of State of Goa. The Government of Goa has notified scheme "Assistance for construction of Retaining Wall for Soil Conservation", vide Notification No.3/4/Agron./PPG/3-2(3)/2015-16/D.Agr/115, dated 24-06-2015, to implement in the State of Goa from the date of issue of this notification from the financial year 2015-16. The scheme shall remain in force till it is withdrawn or amended by Government of Goa.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. 1179/F, dated 29-04-2015. The scheme is to be implemented in all Talukas of States with the below mentioned objectives and components.

1) **Objectives:-**

- i) To save the field / soil from erosion.
- ii) To encourage the cultivation of fallow lands and to restore degraded cultivable lands.
- iii) To encourage soil and moisture conservation for cultivation of Rabi crops like Alsando, Cowpea, Groundnut etc. after the harvest of Kharif paddy.
- iv) Conservation of soil and moisture in the upper reaches for cultivation of horticultural crops and other agronomical crops.
- v) To improve the economic viability of farming enterprises.

2) **Eligibility:-**

- i) Farmer should be registered under Krishi Card Programme.
- ii) Farmer should apply in prescribed format indicating approximate length and height of proposed retaining wall.

3) **Pattern of Assistance:-**

- Assistance at 50% of cost for construction of retaining wall of average width of 0.4 mt and height upto 1.5 mts.
- Items for construction of retaining of wall, the standard cost and assistance are as follows:-

Item description	Standard Rate / Sq mt. (Rs)	Assistance @ 50% (Rs.)
i) Random Masonary with hard laterite stones o size not less than 20 cm in mud mortar in walls with average width of 0.4 m and height upto 1.5 mts including labour etc	285/-	142/-
ii) Masonary with river pebbles stones of size nc less than 20 cm in wall with average width of 0.4 mt and height up to 1.5 mt including labour etc.	340/-	170/-

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- The existing structures are not eligible for the assistance under the scheme.
- The Zonal Agriculture Officer (Z.A.O.) / District Agriculture Office (DAO) (North / South) would scrutinize the proposal on receipt of all the relevant documents and inspect the site and issue administrative approval accordingly.
- The farmer after completion of the structure in all respect shall report to the Z.A.O. and submit all relevant expenditure bills / vouchers to Z.A.O. for claiming assistance.
- The Z.A.O. will then inspect the claim and cases completed in all respect will be submitted to the concerned District Agriculture Office for the settlement of claim.

4) Guidelines / Procedure :

- i) The interested farmers shall submit his application indicating approximate length and height of proposed retaining wall before commencement of work.
- ii) The farmer should also submit a photo before the commencement of work with atleast one natural reference point in the photograph i.e structure like wall, boundary stone, trees etc to co-relate the site, while giving the administrative approval.
- iii) He should also produce the photograph after the completion of work with same reference point in the picture given above.

5) Documents required :

- i) Krishi Card copy /Farmer's abstract copy.
- ii) Photograph preferably with farmer beneficiary, with atleast one natural reference point in the photograph before commencement of work and after completion of work.
- iii) GAR-32 in duplicate, duly signed by the beneficiary.
- iv) Bills and vouchers after completion, duly certified by Zonal Agriculture Officer.


The subsidy under State Sector Scheme for general farmer shall be debited to Budget Head "2401- Crop Husbandry, 00, 102- Food Grain Crops, 02- Crop Production and Input Management (P), 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.

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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 "Assistance for construction of Retaining Wall for Soil Conservation" for the 2nd quarter of the financial year 2016-17 is enclosed herewith. The Zonal Agriculture Officers should make all possible efforts to achieve the target in full.


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Enclosed: 1) Zone-wise target allotted
2) Application Form

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 PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL TARGETS ALLOTTED FOR THE SCHEME "ASSISTANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RATAINING WALL FOR SOIL CONSERVATION" FOR THE CUMMULATIVE 2ND QUARTER OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2016-17.

Sr.No.	Zone/Taluka	Target	
		Physical (in sq.mts..)	Financial (Rs. in lakhs)
1	Zonal Agriculture Officer, Pernem	500	0.625
2	Zonal Agriculture Officer, Bardez	200	0.25
3	Zonal Agriculture Officer, Bicholim	400	0.5
4	Zonal Agriculture Officer, Sankhali	200	0.25
5	Zonal Agriculture Officer, Sattari	500	0.625
6	Zonal Agriculture Officer, Tiswadi	400	0.5
7	Zonal Agriculture Officer, Ponda	400	0.5
8	Zonal Agriculture Officer, Margao	200	0.25
9	Zonal Agriculture Officer, Quepem	400	0.5
10	Zonal Agriculture Officer, Sanguem	500	0.625
11	Zonal Agriculture Officer, Dharbandora	400	0.5
12	Zonal Agriculture Officer, Canacona	400	0.5
	Total	4500	5.625


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