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Sub : State sector Scheme, Special Component Plan (SCP) 2013-14.

The sub-scheme /Component State sector Scheme, Special Component Plan (SCP) will be implemented during 2013-14. Government has accorded administrative approval and financial sanction for the Scheme vide Order No.3/1/PP/92/2013-14/D.Agri/dtd. October 2013.

Government has earmarked 2% of the budget of each department for the provision of assistance to Scheduled Caste farmer. It is proposed to continue the scheme in year 2013-14 under the components as below.

The objectives, definitions, rules of implementation, Guidelines & Procedures for settlements of claims are given here under:

Objectives:- The main objectives of the schemes are:-

1. To provide financial boost to SC farmers for taking up agriculture for their economic upliftment.
2. To encourage youths from SC for self employment in agriculture.
3. To build up the confidence among the farmers against the price inflation of the inputs by assisting them, thereby motivating farmers to use recommended Package of Practices.

Definition:-

Agriculture Inputs:- Various materials like Seed, Fertilizers, Pesticides etc used in the agriculture are called Agriculture Inputs.

To achieve the above objectives, the following scheme is proposed to be implemented during this year 2013-14.
2. ASSISTANCE FOR PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL INPUTS.

B. Pattern of Assistance Proposed:
It is proposed to provide assistance to the extent of 75% of the cost on inputs such as seed, planting material, pesticides, soil conditioners Bio-fertilizer etc. with a maximum subsidy limit of Rs 12000/- Ha. The quantity of the inputs will be ascertained based on area of crops cultivated and recommended dosage. The maximum area to be considered for subsidy for an individual farmer is 2.00 Ha. for one crop season limited to subsidy of Rs 24000/-. 

B. Eligibility/criteria for selection of the farmer to provide the benefit.

The applicant farmer belonging to Scheduled Caste should possess cultivable land. The land should be in his own name or on lease, or other written agreement.

C. Documents required to be attached alongwith the application.
1. Latest copy of the form I and XIV of the land index.
2. Bill/original cash receipts towards purchase of inputs.
3. Copy of the Caste certificate issued by the competent authority.
4. Mandate form duly filled in for ECS transfer.
5. Form GAR 32 duly signed by the farmer.

D. Guidelines and procedure adopted for sanction.
1. The scheme shall be implemented & monitored by Plant Protection Section under control of Dy. Director of Agriculture (PP).
2. The applicant farmer shall purchase the required inputs like seed, Planting material, Fertilizer & Pesticide.
3. Farmer shall submit the claims to the Zonal Agriculture officer with all the documents listed for attachment alongwith application.
4. The Zonal Agriculture Officer shall verify the case and recommend the subsidy as per the pattern of assistance to the Directorate.
5. The cases shall scrutinized by Plant Protection Section at Directorate of Agriculture, and eligible cases shall be sanctioned for subsidy.
6. The subsidy shall be drawn and disbursed by Zonal Agriculture Officer, and paid by ECS.

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The Department of Agriculture is also implementing various other schemes as below for the benefits of farmers which are also extended to SC farmers.

i) Crop Production and Input Management as per approved pattern of assistance.

ii) Development of Agriculture Extension as per approved pattern of assistance.

iii) Development of Horticulture as per approved pattern of assistance.

iv) Support Price and Crop Compensation as per approved pattern of assistance.

v) Western Ghat Development Programme as per approved pattern of assistance.

The pattern of assistance for the above mentioned schemes shall be same as for general farmers except for higher quantum of subsidies like 90% wherever indicated in the concerned scheme on the basis of cast certificate.

The cases under these schemes shall be booked under Budget Head "2401 - Crop Husbandry, 00, 789 -Special Component Plan."

All the Zonal Agriculture Officer shall make vigorous efforts to achieve the targets.

Encl:- Annexure I & II

To,
The Zonal Agriculture Officer _____________________

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3. The Asst. Director of Agriculture (FT), Ela, Old-Goa.

4. The Farm Superintendent Codar/Kalay.