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Sub:- Implementation of Western Ghat Development Programme (WGDP) during 2016-17

The Western Ghat Development Programme (WGDP) is under implementation in the State of Goa since 1975-76. This programme is implemented in 4 Talukas viz. Sanguem, Canacona, Dharbandora in South Goa District and Sattari in North Goa District for the development of ecological fragile areas. The Government of Goa has now modified the scheme "Western Ghat Development Programme" (WGDP), and notified scheme as "Western Ghat Development Programme" (WGDP), 2016 vide Notification No.3/ CIN/NRM./Govt./WGDP/7/2016-17/D.Agri/245, dated 01-07-2016, 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 The scheme shall remain in force till it is withdrawn or amended by Government of Goa.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. 1400025360, dated 06-06-2016. The scheme is to be implemented with the below mentioned objectives and components.

1. Objectives:-

- (i) To develop soil and water conservation system.
- (ii) To create sustainable employment opportunities for landless.
- (iii) To impart new technologies in the field of agriculture to the farming community.
- (iv) To encourage cultivation of different species of plants especially medicinal, fruit and forest trees and to explore their use for commercial purpose, to conserve and use biodiversity.

2. Eligibility:-

Farmer, Self Help Group, User Group, Farmers Club, Society, Non-government Organization from Western Ghat Talukas are eligible to participate/avail assistance under Western Ghat Development Programme (WGDP).

3. Pattern of assistance:-

The assistance shall be provided for following components as per the following pattern.

3.1. Basic activities:-

- (i) Maximum assistance of Rs. 20/- per participant towards refreshments shall be incurred for organizing promotional meetings for production and conservation programme.
- (ii) Farmers training programme of one day will be conducted for 50 participants in each of the zones of Western Ghat with maximum expenditure of Rs. 200/- per participant towards refreshment, lunch, tea, snacks, etc.

- (iii) Krishi Mahostav shall be conducted to benefit about 500 farmers in each of the Western Ghat Zone, with the total expenditure of Rs. 1.25 Lakhs towards pandal, stalls, transport cost of the participants, visiting farmers, guest lecturer and refreshment, lunch, etc.

3.2. Maintenance of Assets Created:-

Assistance of 10% of the evaluated cost of various soil and water conservation structures shall be provided to the beneficiaries for maintenance of old structures constructed during the previous years.

3.3. Production Programmes:-

- (i) Planting materials of fruit plants, medicinal plants and forest species as per the requirements of the farmers shall be provided to farmer free of cost up to maximum of Rs. 5000/- per Ha.
- (ii) Agro processing units and traditional art and crafts production unit shall be assisted to maximum up to 50% on the standard cost of the unit limited to Rs. 30,000/- per unit as per the project report and actual expenditure incurred.

3.4. Conservation Programmes:-

- (i) Assistance up to 50% of the standard unit cost will be provided to the beneficiary for land development on the basis of slope of land, done manually or by machinery. The standard unit costs of work per meter square are as below:

Sr. No.	Slope of the land	Standard cost(Rs/m ²)
(a)	Land upto 3% slope	Rs. 10/m ²
(b)	Land upto 6% slope	Rs. 15/m ²
(c)	Land upto 10% slope	Rs. 20/m ²

The subsidy shall be released after completion of the work in 2 instalments. Half after completion of levelling work and the balance half after planting is completed in level field. The maximum area to be developed by beneficiary shall be restricted to maximum of 1 Hectare.

- (ii) Assistance shall be provided for digging of crescent shaped trenches of dimension 1.5 mt x 0.4 mt x 0.4 mt at a distance of 1 to 2 meter from plant on upper side of the slope at the rate of Rs. 25/- per trench. A single beneficiary may open upto 1000 trenches with prior approval.
- (iii) Assistance of 50% of the actual cost of works as per G.S.R. shall be provided to the beneficiary with prior approval for plugging gullies with loose boulder checks or by gabion structure, after completion of work.
- (iv) Assistance up to 50% of the standard unit cost shall be provided to the beneficiary for the construction of Bank stabilization work. The standard unit cost of work per running meter shall be as follows:-
- (a) Bank stabilization work of 1.0 mt. height with foundation of 0.6 mt. (w) x 0.3 mt (D) shall be Rs. 545/RM.
- (b) Bank stabilization work of 1.5mt.height with foundation of 0.8mt.(w) x 0.5 mt.(D) shall be Rs. 900/RM.

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(c) Bank stabilization work of 2.0mt. height with foundation of 1.0mt.(w) x 0.6m shall be Rs.1145/RM.

the maximum length of the Bank stabilization by the beneficiary for assistance shall be restricted to 500RM.

(v) Assistance of 50% of actual cost of work as per GSR shall be provided towards the work of drain diversion, to the beneficiary, after completion of work.

(vi) Assistance of 50% of actual cost of work as per GSR shall be towards the work of dug out pond, to the beneficiary, after completion of work. The total area of the pond should be restricted to 15 M2.

4. Procedure and Guidelines:-

- (i) The Western Ghat Development Programme shall be monitored and control by NRM wing headed by Dy. Director of Agriculture (Crops, INM&NRM).
- (ii) Farmers/Self Help Group/ Users Group/ Non-Government Organization/Farmers Club/Societies will apply to the Zonal Agriculture Officer for all activities in specified application forms along with specified documents of the scheme components.
- (iii) Application to be submitted along with Farmer abstract copy and undertaking specified.
- (iv) Proposal for assistance for maintenance of assets created during previous year shall be submitted in specified form.
- (v) Proposal for assistance under household production system shall be submitted in specified form.
- (vi) Proposal for assistance under conservation programme shall be submitted in specified form.
- (vii) The place where actual work will be carried out should be demarcated and enclosed with the proposal in survey Plan of the place issued by the Directorate of settlement and Land ~~records~~
- (viii) Zonal Agriculture Officer will scrutinize and verify the feasibility of the proposal and submit the same to NRM wing of Directorate of Agriculture for administrative approval of Director of Agriculture.
- (ix) Technical sanction/evaluation of work in case of drain diversion, gully control and dugout pond will be done by Junior Engineer of department duly countersigned by AE/EE of Soil Conservation division of this Directorate.
- (x) In respect of work of Bank stabilization, land development, crescent shaped structure unit cost will be adopted.
- (xi) Administrative approval will be accorded by Zonal Agriculture Officer (Z.A.O.) after verification of the proposal by him for house hold production system unit/equipments/implements, digging crescent shaped trenches, Bank stabilization and Land Development upto 0.2 Ha area. He shall also convey approval to the beneficiary.

- (xii) Administrative approval will be accorded by Director of Agriculture through NRM wing for Land Development above 0.2 Ha. upto 1 Ha area, drain diversion, gully control and dug out pond.
- (xiii) Zonal Agriculture Officer/Assistant Agriculture Officer and Junior Engineer will guide and supervise the work. Work should be carried out as per approved design and completed within time of six months from the date of issue of administrative approval.
- (xiv) In case of component of planting of trees, herbs, shrubs and medicinal plants, technical guidance for planting and maintenance will be given by the technical staff of Zonal Agriculture Officer. In case of house hold production system unit/equipments/implements should be checked properly for functioning and efficiency.
- (xv) Photographs of conservation programme should be taken before and after completing the work.
- (xvi) After completion of work under conservation programme, Zonal Agriculture officer shall inspect the site along with Assistant Agriculture Officer and Junior Engineer and submit the inspection and completion report in case of land development work, drain diversion, gully control and dug out pond and bank stabilization in respective specified form. The same shall be countersigned by in charge of the scheme upon sample verification. In case of land levelling, the subsidy shall be released after completion of the work in 2 instalments. Half after completion of levelling work and the balance half after planting is completed in level field.
- (xviii) In case of component of planting of trees, shrubs, herbs and medicinal plants, utilization certificates is to be submitted to the head office. For cases under house hold production system, original bills are to be certified by Assistant Agriculture Officer and Zonal Agriculture Officer before putting the file for expenditure sanction.
- (xix) SHGs/NGOs/UGs/Individual farmer should submit the bank mandate form for ECS payment of assistance/subsidies.
- (xx) The completed cases should be submitted by Zonal Agriculture Officer to the District Agriculture Officer in original file for expenditure sanction.
- (xxi) Monthly progress reports shall be submitted by Zonal Agriculture Officer in specified form to NRM wing for compilation and onward submission to the Directorate of Planning, Statistics and Evaluation (DPSE).

5. Documents Required:—

- (i) Krishi card copy/Farmers abstract copy.
- (ii) Authority letter of applicant to pay subsidy directly to his/her loan account, wherever applicant obtained loan.
- (iii) One set of GAR - 32 duly signed by the beneficiary.
- ✓(iv) Receipt of purchase of material.
- ✓(v) Demarcation of the activity proposed on the survey plan issued by the Directorate of settlement and Land resources.
- ✓(vi) Photograph preferably with beneficiary before commencement and after completion of work.
- ✓(vii) Inspection and completion certificate by Zonal Agriculture Officer and Junior Engineer.

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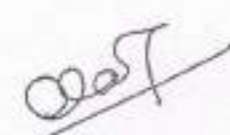
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7 subsidy under State Sector Scheme for general farmer shall be debited to Budget Head "2551-Hill Areas, 00, 01-Western Ghat, 800-Other Expenditure, 02- Development of Land, Land shaping and Contour Bunding (Plan), 33-Subsidies" and 30-Other Charges under Demand No.64.

The expenditure for Scheduled Caste farmers shall be debited to the Budget Head 201- 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. In case of joint activity involving more than 50% the beneficiaries from ST, the expenditure shall be debited to the Tribal Area Sub Plan. The zone-wise physical target for Western Ghat Development Programme (WGDP) for the 2nd quarter of the financial year 2016-17 is enclosed herewith. The Zonal Agriculture Officers Sattari, Sanguem, Dharbandora and Canacona should make all possible efforts to achieve the target in full.


(Uthas B. Pai Kakode)
Director of Agriculture

Enclosed: 1) Zone-wise target allotted
2) General application form
3) Form I to XII.

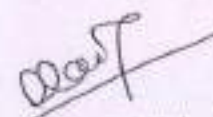
To,
The Zonal Agricultural Officers (All) Pernem/ Mapusa/ Bicholim/ Sakhali/ Sattari/ Tiswadi/ Margao/ Ponda/ Sanguem/ Quepem/ Canacona/ Dharbandora-Goa

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.

**PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL TARGETS ALLOTTED TO TALUKAS OF SATTARI, SANGUEM,
DHARBANDORA AND CANACONA UNDER WESTERN GHAT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (WGDP)
FOR THE CUMMULATIVE 2ND QUARTER OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2016-17.**

Sr. No	Components	Unit	Total (State)		Zones								
					Sattari		Sanguem		Dharbandora		Canacona		
			Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	Phy	Fin	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
A	Basic Activities	Nos.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1)	Krishi Mahotsav	Nos.	4	5.0	1	125	1	1.25	1	1.25	1	1.25	
B	Maintenance of works	Nos.	---	0.1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
C Production Programme													
1	Planting of trees, shrubs & medicinal plants	Ha.	100	2.0	25	0.5	25	0.5	25	0.5	25	0.5	
2	Household production	Nos.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
D Conservation Activity													
1	Land Dev. (Terracing, Bunding, Levelling)	Ha.	8	4.8	2	1.2	1	0.6	1	0.6	1	0.6	
2	Digging of Crescent shaped trenches	Ha.	100	4.0	15	0.6	15	0.6	15	0.6	15	0.6	
3	Gully control	Nos.	4	0.4	1	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.1	
4	Bank Stabilization	R. mts.	2000	9.2	250	1.15	250	1.15	250	1.15	250	1.15	
5	Diversion of Drains	Nos.	4	0.8	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2	
6	Dugout/Farm ponds	Nos.	4	0.8	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2	


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