

GOVERNMENT OF GOA
Directorate of Agriculture
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Tonca Caranzalem

Notification

3/5/EXT/Fencing/1/2016-17/D.Agri/

The following scheme approved by Government of Goa is hereby published for general information of the public:

1. Short title & Commencement:-

- The scheme shall be called "Assistance for fencing".
- It shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force till it is withdrawn or amended by the Government of Goa.

2. Objectives

- To save crops from damage due to domestic and wild animals.
- To encourage area expansion of crops specially horticultural crops.
- To facilitate double / multiple cropping in field and horticultural crops.
- Improve economic viability of farming.

3. Eligibility

- Farmer should be carrying out agricultural activities in the State.
- His name should reflect in abstract of krishi Card as having right to the plot(s) to be fenced either as sole owner, co-owner, Tenant, Co-tenant, lessee or on contract.
- He should be cultivating minimum 0.2 ha in general. However, in case of field crops like paddy, pulses, oilseeds, vegetables, flowers and short gestation high investment fruit crops like banana, papaya and pineapple, minimum area of 0.1 ha will be considered for barbed / GI wire, wire mesh provided there is no dwelling unit in the plot. In case of traditional small vegetable and flower growers and those raising nurseries of vegetables, paddy, etc. minimum 500Sq. Mt area will be considered for erecting removable barbed/G.I. wire/wire mesh fencing.

- iv. Farmers having different sizes of holdings coming together to jointly fence their farms forming an informal or formal (registered) farmer's society or group will also be eligible.
- v. The farmer should ideally take up intercrop or additional crops after fencing is done.
- vi. Private Limited Companies and Institutions involved in agriculture as a major activity will also be eligible.

4. Pattern of Assistance

A) Assistance for traditional fencing:

Assistance of 75% for general category and 90% for SC/ST category farmers shall be provided on the all types of fences except power fences as under.

(i) Barbed/G.I. Wire Fencing:-

- a) The barbed/G.I. wire fencing with minimum 3 lines and maximum seven lines shall be provided assistance @ 75% /90% for general category and SC/ST category respectively on Standard cost as approved from time to time or actual cost whichever is less. The assistance provided is inclusive of barbed wire and labour cost.
- b) Assistance of 75% /90% for general category and SC/ST category respectively on Standard cost as approved from time to time or actual cost whichever is less on the cost of stone or RCC poles with height of 1.5 mt, spaced minimum 3 m apart shall be provided in addition to that for the barbed wire. The RCC poles would be of 6' x 4" x 4" H x L x B with at least 3 rods of 6 mm held together by stirrups embedded in 1:4 cement concrete mixture.
- c) The metal poles such as angle iron pole of minimum 37.5 X 37.5 mm and 3 mm thickness and 1.5 Mt heights duly galvanized or powder coated to prevent rusting can be also used instead of Stone or RCC poles.
- *d) In case farmer uses wooden poles or live standards such as *Glyricidia* or any other trees for barbed wire fencing, the assistance will be provided on the cost of barbed wire and labour only.

ii) Stone Wall fencing:-

- The standard stone wall will be of minimum 0.5m.width at base, 0.25 m, width at top and height of 1.2 meter above ground. Available material like rubble/boulder, laterite bricks, river stones etc may be used for fencing. Subsidy of 75% /90% for general category and SC/ST category respectively on Standard cost as approved from time to time or actual cost whichever is less will be provided to the farmer. However, the dimensions above will not apply in case of dressed laterite stone walls.

(iii) G.I. or synthetic chain link or wire mesh fencing:-

- Subsidy of 75% /90% for general category and SC/ST category respectively on Standard cost as approved from time to time or actual cost whichever is less would be provided towards cost of G.I. wire mesh and labour for fence of minimum 1.2 m height above ground level. In addition, subsidy for poles as in barbed wire fencing will also be provided.

The total assistance provided under all types of traditional fencing will be restricted to ₹ 2.0 lakh per individuals

B) Solar Powered Battery Fencing:-

- Such fence will consist of an Energizer, solar panel, battery, fence monitoring equipment, insulation material, poles and minimum two lines of wire of specification approved from time to time.
- The poles may be MS Hot Dip galvanized type MS Ecopainted, RCC or of stone i.e. basalt or wooden poles from durable wood. Preference would be given for metallic galvanized poles.
- The subsidy will be 90% of standard cost as fixed from time to time or actual cost whichever is less to all farmer categories restricted to ₹. 2.00 lakhs for individuals.
- The fencing will have to be erected only through dealers registered with the Directorate of Agriculture.

There will be no ceiling limit for length or subsidy in case of registered farmer groups taking up such fencing in large compact blocks. The subsidy already availed for other types of fencing by farmers installing solar powered battery fencing will be taken into account while computing admissible subsidy for solar power fencing.

C) Special fencing assistance for small vegetable growers:

Subsidy for Barbed / G.I. wire or wire mesh fencing including poles shall be provided for traditional vegetable and flower growers cultivating plots of minimum 500 meters area as well as for paddy and vegetable growers raising specialized nurseries such as mat nursery of paddy etc. Vegetable growers cultivating Communal lands for one season a year shall also be eligible by furnishing declaration.

Farmers may adopt any one type of fence or combination of two or three types as per local situation and need subject to overall subsidy limit of ₹. 2.00 lakhs per farmer. Any subsidy paid from Govt. of India towards fencing shall be adjusted within the total subsidy and balance subsidy shall be paid by the State Government.

Farmers coming together to jointly fence their consolidated plots with formation of a group of farmers, societies etc shall also be eligible for 75%/90% assistance but without ceiling limit of ₹. 2.00 lakh subsidy. So also, individual farmers forming an informal group to jointly protect their adjacently located fields as one consolidated unit will each be provided subsidy restricted to the actual outer perimeter of their plots fenced and within over all subsidy limit for individuals. However, there will be no ceiling limit for subsidy for the informal group as a whole.

5. Guidelines and procedure

- i) The interested farmer shall submit his application in prescribed format to the Zonal Agriculture Officer in advance before commencement of work along with documents specified by Director of Agriculture from time to time.
- ii) Zonal Agriculture Officer (ZAO) would scrutinize the proposal for the documents required and inspect the site and convey the administrative approval of the estimated subsidy up to ₹. 1.5 lakh and in other cases forward the same to respective District Agriculture office for approval.

- iii) The scheme shall be monitored by Extension section at Directorate of Agriculture. The respective District Agriculture officer shall examine and verify the proposal above ₹. 1.5 lakh estimated subsidy and convey approval within a period of 15 working days from receipt of the proposal through the Zonal Agricultural Officer to the farmer.
- iv) The farmer after completion of fence in all respects shall report to Zonal Agricultural Officer and submit all relevant expenditure bills/vouchers to ZAO. In case where the loans are taken, the completed case shall be forwarded through such bank to ZAO.
- v) Zonal Agriculture Officer shall inspect the fence after receipt of completion letter from the farmer and submit the application and other relevant documents along with expenditure bills/voucher towards construction of fence and completion certificate to concerned District Agriculture officer.
- vi) The District Agriculture officer shall scrutinize the documents and check random cases and grant financial sanction and submit the subsidy bills for payments.

6) Relaxation:-

The Government shall be empowered to relax any or all clause or conditions of the scheme in genuine cases. However for release of financial assistance in such case will be considered only with the approval of Finance (Exp) Department.

7) Interpretation:-

If any question arises regarding interpretation of any clause, word, expression of the scheme, the decision shall lie with the Government, which shall be final and binding on all concerned.

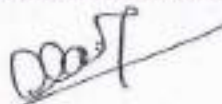
8) Redressal of Grievances and Disputes:-

Grievances if any, arising out of the implementation of this scheme, shall be heard and decided by the Minister for Agriculture and the decision of the Minister of Agriculture in this regard shall be final and binding on all concerned.

This issue with the concurrence of the Finance Department under their U.O. No 1400011235.dated 6-6-2016

This supersedes the earlier notification No. 3/4/Agron/PPG/3-2(3)/2013-14/D.Agrri dated 2-7-2013.

By order and in the
Name of Governor of Goa



(Uthas Pai Kakode)

Director of Agriculture &
Ex-Officio Joint Secretary to the
Government

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