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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 for Agriculture in this regard shall be final and binding on all concerned.

This issues with the concurrence of Finance Expenditure Department under U. O. No. 1400025390, dated 06-06-2016.

This supersedes the earlier notification No. 3/1/WS/Mech/13-14/D.Agr.225 dated 5th July, 2013.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Ulhas B. Pai Kakode, Director & ex officio Joint Secretary (Agriculture).

Tonca, Caranzalem, 5th July, 2016.

#### Notification

3/CIN/NRM/Govt/Desilt, Ponds & Tanks/6/  
/2016-17/D.Agr.1/255

#### Desilting and Revitalization of Ponds and Tanks

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 of desilting and revitalization of ponds and tanks in the State of Goa with area of 500m<sup>2</sup> or less through Department of Agriculture, Goa, for reviving

them for use for irrigation. The following modified scheme 'Desilting and Revitalization of Ponds and Tanks, 2016, approved by the Government of Goa is published herewith for general information or the public.

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (i) The scheme shall be called "Desilting and Revitalization of Ponds and Tanks 2016".

(ii) The scheme shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force till withdrawn or amended by the Government of Goa.

2. *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.

3. *Eligibility.*— (i) Ponds or water bodies less than 500m<sup>2</sup> 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.

4. *Pattern of assistance.*— (i) Individual farmer or Self Help Group (SHG)/Users Group (UG)/

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/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 installments of 25%, 25%, 50% of the actual evaluated cost by the Department as per the progress of work. In such cases, the first installment of 25% of estimated cost shall be released after the completion of 25% of estimated work. The second installment of 25% cost shall be released after completion of 50% work and the final installment 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 installments, first 50% of amount at the time of release of first installment 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.

5. *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.

(iv) The proposal shall be submitted by Z.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.

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(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.

6. *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 Z.A.O.

(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.

7. *Interpretation.*— (i) 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. *Relaxation.*— (i) The Government of Goa may relax any of the conditions prescribed under the scheme, if deemed to be necessary.

9. *Redressal of grievance and dispute.*— 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 for Agriculture in this regard shall be final and binding on all concerned.

This issues with the concurrence of Finance Expenditure Department under U. O. No. 1400025392 dated 6-06-2016.

This supersedes the earlier Notification No. 3/3/WS/Ponds-Tanks/2013-14/D. Agri./237, dated 12th July, 2013.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Ulhas B. Pai Kakode, Director & ex officio Joint Secretary (Agriculture).

Tonca, Caranzalem, 6th July, 2016.

#### Corrigendum

3/4/STAT/PMFBY/2016-17/D.Agr/122

Read: 3/4/STAT/PMFBY/2016-17/D.Agr/122 dated 29th June, 2016.

In the Official Gazette, Government of Goa, Panaji dated 30th June, 2016 (Asadha 9, 1938) Series I No. 13 at page 542 VI, Ponda Cluster I and Ponda Cluster II and the Village Panchayats mentioned therein may be read under South Goa District instead of North Goa District.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Ulhas B. Pai Kakode, Director & ex officio Joint Secretary (Agriculture).

Tonca, Caranzalem, 11th July, 2016.