

**GOVERNMENT OF GOA**

Department of Agriculture

Directorate of Agriculture

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**Notification**

3/2/1/CIN/Agro/CFG/D.Agri/447

*Sub:* Assistance for Community Farming

Government is pleased to introduce the new scheme "Assistance for Community Farming" to tackle the problem of lands being kept fallow and promote group farming.

The details of the scheme and pattern of assistance are given below:

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (a) The scheme shall be called "Assistance for Community Farming, 2018".

(b) It shall come into force from the date of its approval by the Government and shall remain in force till it is withdrawn.

(c) The scheme shall cover all Talukas of the State of Goa.

2. *Objectives.*— (a) To ensure a greener Goa by reducing the trends of fields being kept fallow.

(b) To make agricultural activity more viable due to better economics of scale for cultivation and more efficient marketing of produce.

(c) To ensure more effective management through expertise of some of the members of the group.

(d) Overcome the fear of another individual being giving right to cultivate land staking his claim as tenant since a farmers group is considered a safer option.

(e) More effective use of infrastructure created with assistance of Government as cost of creating multiple individual infrastructures such as fencing, irrigation, machinery, etc. is much higher. This will lead to some savings for Government, e.g. Fencing on outer periphery of a block of fields versus fencing individual plots.

(f) Reduction in nuisance for moving material and machinery due to obstructions of individual fencing.

3. *Eligibility criteria for assistance.*— (a) Group claiming assistance from Community Farming may be of two types:-

(i) *Joint Community Farming:*— Here the entire area of all the members together shall be cultivated as one block in the name of the group i.e. all expenditure for creating infrastructure i.e. onetime costs and cultivation costs (recurring expenses) shall be in the name of the group.

The produce also shall be sold in the name of the group and the proceeds are proportionately shared among farmer members as per terms and conditions agreed at the time of group formation.

(ii) *Loosely Amalgamated Community Farming:*— In this group, the permanent costs on infrastructure such as fencing, wells pump sets, compost preparation units, etc. shall be borne in the name of the group. However, recurring expenses for cultivation shall be borne by members separately and the produce sold in each individual member's name.

(b) The Community Farming Group (CFG) should have a Krishi Card in its name.

(c) The Community Farming Group shall furnish a copy of its first meeting giving details of the group formation, its authorized signatories and list of group members with details of land held or in their possession in the format given at Annexure-I.

(d) The Community Farming Group should have a bank account in a scheduled bank in its own name jointly operated by minimum two members.

(e) A Community Farming Group shall have a minimum of 10 members with total combined land holding exceeding one hectare (10000 sq. mtrs.) in a compact block.

(f) Members comprising the group should preferably have a Krishi Card issued by the



Directorate of Agriculture, Goa. In the event of a member not having a Krishi Card, the Chairman of the Community Farming Group shall certify that the agricultural land in question is in the possession of/being cultivated by the member concerned through a self declaration in the format specified in Note No. 3/5/EXT/26/2015-16/D.Agr/159 dtd. 06-07-2015 of the Directorate of Agriculture preferably the said member shall also furnish a similar declaration as per sample at Annexure II.

(g) The Community Farming Group shall be registered with the Directorate of Agriculture. There will be no objection for such a group to be also registered under the Societies Act, 1860 or with the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

(h) The Community Farming Group shall submit a project report listing various agricultural infrastructure facilities proposed to be developed, crops to be grown, marketing plans etc.

(i) A Community Farming Group would normally be expected to engage in double or triple cropping of field crops. However, groups proposing horticultural development in fallow lands shall also be considered.

(j) The Community Farming Group would have to submit an undertaking stating that it would carry on agricultural activities in the area under the project for atleast five years from date of availing benefits under this scheme failing which the entire assistance provided shall be refunded to Government.

4. *Pattern of Assistance*:— A Community Farming Group shall be entitled to a project based assistance as under:

(A) Assistance of 100% in case of Community Farming Group wherein 50% or more of the area brought under cultivation has been fallow for more than five years or 90% in other cases on the standard cost/relevant GSR as fixed by the

relevant Cost Estimation Committee of the Directorate of Agriculture from time to time on creation of following infrastructure in common for the entire group:-

- a. Fencing of various types.
- ii. Digging of wells including bore wells.
- iii. Construction of water storage tanks.
- iv. Installation of pump sets.
- v. Installation of Micro Irrigation systems.
- vi. Construction of compost units of various types.
- vii. Construction of biogas unit.
- viii. Purchase of machinery for various agricultural operations including post harvest processing/ /value addition as per minimum area applicable for each type.
- ix. Construction of pump house with provision for storage of agricultural inputs and produce, threshing/drying yards, small warehouses etc.
- x. Repairs/construction of non-notified internal bunds, drainage channels, passages for transport of machinery and produce, conserve soil and water etc.

The assistance for infrastructure above will be limited based on area covered as given below:

Sr. No.	Area (Ha.)	Maximum assistance (Lakhs Rs./Ha.)
1	1.00-2.00	3.00
2	2.01-5.00	2.50
3	5.01-10.00	2.25
4	10.01-20.00	2.00
5	Above 20.00	1.50

A. Assistance as per scheme pattern of assistance as under:-

- i. Purchase of quality seeds/seedlings/ /planting material grain of food crops,



vegetables, sugarcane and horticulture crops.

ii. Assured Price for Agricultural Produce, 2016.

iii. Area expansion on horticultural crops i.e. fruits, flowers and spices including plantation crops.

iv. Purchase of agricultural machinery for land preparation, planting interculture and harvesting under State Sector Scheme "Agriculture".

B. The restrictions of maximum area eligible per beneficiary will be relaxed subject to limits on pro rata basis on total area cultivated in case of Joint Community Farming Group.

C. Preference as applicable will be given to Community Farming Group's in schemes with 100% assistance such as desilting of ponds/tanks, assistance for cultivation of vegetables by Self Help Group's (SHG); distribution of seed, minikits, trainings, demonstrations etc.

(A) *Procedure*:— a. A Community Farming Group desiring to avail benefit under the scheme shall apply to the Zonal Agricultural Officer under whose jurisdiction the area is located in the specified format given.

i. Krishi Card abstract of the group.

ii. List of all members with details of agricultural land held/in their possession and their individual Krishi card number. Copy of resolution selecting members to operate bank account.

iii. Copy of first page of bank passbook.

iv. Certificate of registration of Community Farming Group with the Directorate of Agriculture/Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

v. A Project Report listing various agricultural infrastructure facilities proposed to the developed, quotations/ estimates for the same, cropping pattern, marketing plans, etc.

vi. An undertaking that the Community Farming Group will undertake agricultural activities in the area brought under cultivation for atleast 10 years and that in case of default agreeing to refund back to the Government the entire amount of assistance as decided by the Directorate of Agriculture.

b. The Zonal Agricultural Officer concerned will evaluate the proposal for feasibility and forward it to the District Agricultural Officer concerned to put it up for decision of the High Power Committee along with his detailed report of recommendation.

c. The District Agricultural Officer concerned will evaluate the project including likely financial assistance admissible and forward it to concerned Section of the Directorate of Agriculture to place before the High Power Committee.

d. A High Power Committee consisting of  
 Hon'ble Minister for — Chairman  
 Agriculture  
 Secretary (Agriculture ) — Member  
 Director of Agriculture — Member  
 Dy. Director of Agriculture — Member

shall examine the project for feasibility and accordingly decide on approval.

e. The Community Farming Group shall take up the project once approval is conveyed and submit completed project file with Invoices/Receipts of payment for settlement to concerned Zonal Agricultural Officer.

f. The Zonal Agricultural Officer shall forward completed cases after due verification and scrutiny to the concerned District Agriculture Officer for settlement.

(B) *Relaxation*: The Government shall be empowered to relax any or all clauses 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 the Minister of Agriculture.



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3/2/1/Crop &amp; PP/Agron/CFG/D.Agr/76

Sub: Assistance for Community Farming.

Ref.: No. 3/2/1/CIN/Agron/CFG/D.Agr/447  
dated 1-10-2018 published in OfficialGazette, Series I No. 28 dated 11th  
October, 2018.

## Amendment

The above referred notification is amended  
as below:—

- I. Clause 3 (j). *Eligibility criteria for assistance.*— The word "five" at clause 3(j) at page No. 1555 is replaced by "ten".
- II. Sr. No. 4. *Pattern of Assistance (A)*, Point 4 (A) at page 1555 shall be replaced with the following:—



*Sr. No. 4 (A) Pattern of Assistance:-* Assistance of 90% shall be considered for Community Farming Projects irrespective of category of the Group on the standard cost/relevant GSR as fixed by the relevant Cost Estimation Committee of the Directorate of Agriculture from time to time on creation of following infrastructures in common for the entire group.

- III. *Sr. No. 4 Pattern of Assistance:-* Point No. 4 (viii) at page No. 1555 shall be replaced as follows:—

Assistance towards purchase of machinery shall be provided to the Group only after completion of 1st year of cultivation based on the performance of the group during 2/3 seasons of the 1st year. The group can avail assistance under "Custom Service Support" during 1st year to undertake cultivation with hired machinery. The Group of farmers may purchase machinery for value addition/post harvest processing unit during 1st year if so desires.

- IV. *Sr. No. 4 Pattern of Assistance* at page No. 1555, the last paragraph for infrastructures shall be replaced by— The assistance for infrastructure will be limited to Rs. 2.50 lakhs per ha. irrespective of area covered by the Farmers group.

- V. *VA. Assistance as per scheme pattern of assistance as under:-* Para A (iv) at page No. 1556 is deleted.

- VI. (A) *Procedure:-* Point c at page 1556 is replaced as follows:—

The District Agricultural Officer concerned shall forward project proposal to the Concerned Section for evaluation of the Project including likely financial assistance admissible before seeking approval of the High Power Committee by the co-ordinating section.

The Amendment shall come into force with immediate effect.

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

*Madhav Kelkar*, Director & ex officio Joint Secretary (Agriculture).

Tonca-Caranzalem, 24th June, 2019.

### Notification

3/Crops & PP/67/Community Farming Group/D.Agri/75

*Sub:* Scheme— Assistance price for Agricultural Produce.

*Ref.:* No. 3/3/Hort/SSS/2/2016-17/D.Agri/129 dated 26-07-2016 published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 19 dated 11-08-2016.

### Amendment

The above referred notification is amended as below:—

- I. *Clause 3 (a).* Eligibility criteria for Selection of farmers at clause 3(a). The words "or the Group of Farmers" added at page 729.
- II. *Sr. No. 3(e)* Eligibility criteria for Selection of farmers, Point 3(e) The words "or the Group of farmer" added at page 730.
- III. *Sr. No. 4 (iv)* Pattern of assistance for paddy:- The para mentioned below is added in original provision at page 731. The added para is as follows:—

In case of the Group of farmers the quantity to be considered is on pro rata basis with reference to the support provided to the individual farmer specified as above in this para. Minimum quantity required to be sold by farmer/ /Group of farmers to avail benefit shall not be less than 100 kgs.

The Amendment shall come into force with immediate effect.

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

*Madhav Kelkar*, Director & ex officio Joint Secretary (Agriculture).

Tonca-Caranzalem, 24th June, 2019.



Department of Home  
Home—General Division

### Order

6/18/2018-HD(G)/1783

Read: Government order No. 6/18/2018-HD(G)/1678 dated 24-6-2019.