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## GOVERNMENT OF GOA

Department of Agriculture

Directorate of Agriculture

## Notification

3/Crops & PP/27&31/SCP-TSP Scheme File/  
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Scheduled Caste farmers are financially weak and do not use the required inputs as recommended for cultivation, to provide financial boost to these farmers and to encourage youths from the communities for self employment and to build confidence

among the SC farmers against the price inflation of the inputs and follow recommended package of practices. It is therefore proposed to support these communities with financial assistance on the purchase of the inputs.

Government is therefore pleased to notify the scheme as under:-

(1) *Short title and commencement.*— (i) This scheme shall be called as "Assistance for Purchase of Agriculture Inputs".

(ii) This scheme shall come into force from the date of its notification in the Official

Government Gazette and shall be in force for a duration of 5 years.

(2) *Aims and Objectives of the Schemes*

*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.

*A. Pattern of Assistance Proposed.*— SC farmers are financially weak and do not use the required inputs as recommended for cultivation. 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.

(3) *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.

(4) *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.

(5) *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