



GOVERNMENT OF GOA  
DIRECTORATE OF AGRICULTURE  
KRISHI BHAVAN, TONCA, CARANZALEM - GOA

No.3/1/Agri Mech/AD(AE)/2020-21/D.Agri/132 Dated : 29 .07.2020.

**CIRCULAR**

Sub:- State Sector Scheme "One time assistance to farmers for removal of weeds/ shrubs/ bushes, aquatic weeds by hiring power driven machinery / equipments/manually" (2020-21)".

Ref:- (i) Gazette Notification No. 3/1/WS/2015-16/D.Agri/323 SERIES I No.16 dated 16.07.2015.

The State Sector Scheme "One time assistance to farmers for removal of weeds/ shrubs/ bushes, aquatic weeds by hiring power driven machinery / equipments/manually" under "Crop Production and Input Management" Programme is approved by the Government for continuation during 2020-21. The Scheme shall be implemented as per the pattern and guideline indicated below.

**1. Short title & commencement :-**

The scheme shall be called "One time assistance to farmers for removal of weeds/ shrubs/ bushes, aquatic weeds by hiring power driven machinery / equipments/manually".

**2. Objectives:-**

- 1) To bring fallow land under cultivation by removal of weeds, shrubs, bushes, etc
- 2) To bring more area under cultivation.
- 3) To support farmers for cultivation of agricultural/ horticultural Crop by providing assistance on hire charges of machinery/equipment.

**3. Eligibility criteria :-**

- (I) Individual farmers involved in cultivation of various types of agricultural/ horticultural Crops.
- (II) Farmer should be registered under Krishi Card Programme of the Directorate of Agriculture.

**4. Pattern of Assistance:-**

One time assistance of 50% of the expenditure incurred towards hire charges of machinery/ equipment including labour wages for removal of weeds/shrubs/bushes etc will be provided limited to Rs.15,000 per hectare or 50% of the actual expenditure whichever is less .

**5. Documents required-**

- (I) Duly filled application form as specified.
- (II) Copy of Krishi Card.
- (III) Affidavit on Rs.50/- stamp paper.

## 6. Guidelines & Procedures

I) Interested farmer shall apply to the Zonal Agricultural Officer (Z.A.O.) in whose jurisdiction the plot/ field is located.

II) He/she shall mention details of area to be cleared and type of machinery intended to be used.

III) The concerned Z.A.O. will inspect/ field and accord administrative approval if the proposal is found feasible.

IV) Upon receipt of administrative approval, the farmer shall get the clearing work executed by hiring machinery/equipment from any private/public sector agency including labour and intimate the Z.A.O. regarding completion of the work and submit relevant payment vouchers/ invoices.

V) The cleared area should be used exclusively for cultivation of agricultural/ horticultural crop.

VI) The subsidy will be released only after verification and certification by Z.A.O. regarding satisfactory plantation of the Agricultural/Horticultural crop in cleaned/cleared area.

VII) The farmer shall submit an affidavit on stamp paper of value as specified from time to time stating that he/she would exclusively utilise the concerned field/plot to cultivate agricultural/ horticultural crop and continue to do so for six years or more.

VIII) The format of Application form, Self declaration and work completion Certificate to be furnished is enclosed.

The Expenditure under SSS for General and Scheduled Caste farmers shall be debited to budget head "2401-00-102-02-33-subsidies" and the expenditure for Scheduled Tribe farmers shall be debited to budget head "2401-00-796-01-33-subsidies".

The Continuation of the Scheme is approved by the Government and concurred by Finance Department vide their U. O. No. Fin.(Exp.)/1400073537, dated 18.06.2020.

  
(Nevil Alphonso)

✓ **Director of Agriculture**

To,

1. The Zonal Agricultural Office (All) \_\_\_\_\_
2. The Mechanical Cultivation Office (All) \_\_\_\_\_
3. The Assistant Director (A.E.), MCO-Tonca, Caranzalem-Goa.
4. The Dy. Director of Agriculture (All) \_\_\_\_\_
5. The District Agriculture Office (North/South-Goa)-----
6. The Accounts Section, Directorate of Agriculture, Tonca, Caranzalem-Goa.
7. The Asstt. Director of Agriculture (P&E), Directorate of Agriculture, Tonca.
8. The Asstt. Director of Agriculture (FT), Ella, Old-Goa.
9. The Programme Co-ordinator, K.V.K. South-Goa, Margao.