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(2) Extraordinary (No. 2) dated 30-5-2017 from pages 447 to 448 regarding the Goa Land Revenue Code (Amendment) Act, 2016— Not. No. 16/13/2016-RD from Department of Revenue.

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## GOVERNMENT OF GOA

Department of Agriculture

Directorate of Agriculture

## Notification

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Due to high rainfall the soils are acidic and deficient in various nutrients and mineral essential for healthy crop and production. Soil sample analysis helps in determining the soil fertility status which assists soil improvements though use of soil amendments for correcting Soil parameters, Macro, Secondary and micronutrient deficiencies, the on farm

livestock waste can be effectively used to produce renewable energy and quality organic farming input through biogas plants, conversion of available on field/farm waste material into chemical free farm resource as farm input for organic farming through organic manure units and Vermi-compost units.

The Government is therefore pleased to notify the scheme for the same as under:—

1. *Short title & commencement.*— (i) The scheme shall be called as “Development of manures and fertilizers.”

(i) This scheme shall come into force from the date of its notification in the Official Gazette and shall be in force till the same is amended or terminated by the Government.

2. *Objective of the scheme.*— (1) To analyse the soils for soil fertility status and soil test based use of fertilizers and amendments.

(2) To amend the soil based on soil test report, to address pH and nutrient deficiencies in fertilization practices.

(3) To address other important soil deficiencies like micronutrients that affect crop productivity.

(4) To effectively manage on farm livestock waste to produce renewable energy through biogas units.

(5) To aid in the conversion of available on farm organic waste into chemical free organic manure through organic manure and Vermi-compost units.

3. *Components of the scheme.*— The scheme would be implemented with following components:—

(i) Analysis of soil samples.

(ii) Assistance for use of soil conditioner.

(iii) Assistance for use of micronutrients.

(iv) Assistance for construction/ installation of biogas plants.

(v) Assistance for construction/ installation of organic manure units.

(vi) Assistance for construction/ installation of vermi compost units.

4. *Eligibility.*— (i) Any farmer carrying out agricultural activities in the State of Goa and having a Krishi card.

(ii) The farmer should be cultivating minimum of 0.1 ha in general. However, in case of analysis of soil samples, construction/ installation of biogas plants & construction/ installation of Organic Manure and Vermi-compost unit there would be no limitation of area.

(iii) Institution and private limited companies involved in agriculture activities and having a Krishi card will also be assisted under this scheme.

(iv) Farmer should possess a Soil Health Card not older than 2 years period for availing assistance for Soil Conditioners and Micronutrients.

5. *Pattern of assistance.*— (i) Analysis of soil samples: Soil samples received from the farmer or collected from farmers field will be analyzed in the Soil Testing Laboratories at Ela, Old-Goa or Margao for required soil parameters and nutrients. Soil Health Card shall be issued giving the soil fertility details and will provide an advisory on soil test based use of fertilizer and amendments for crop under cultivation.

(ii) Assistance for use of soil conditioner: The soil conditioners like Rock phosphate, agriculture lime, dolomite etc., would be provided 75% subsidy limited to Rs. 6,000/- per ha for all categories of farmers and maximum of 4 ha per farmer. The soil conditioner shall be purchased and used by farmer and the subsidy shall be released after the use of the same in the field.

(iii) Assistance for use of Micronutrients: Micronutrients like Zinc, Boron, Magnesium Sulphate and other notified micronutrients would be provided 75% subsidy limited to Rs. 7,500/-per ha for all categories of farmers and maximum of 4 ha per farmer. The subsidy would be released after the micronutrients are purchased and used by farmers.

(iv) Assistance for construction/installation of biogas plants: Biogas plants constructed by the farmer would be provided 90% subsidy against the estimated standard cost of construction/installation of biogas plants as below:—

Sr.	Size of Biogas Plant	Estimated Standard cost (Rs.)	90% subsidy including Central Subsidy
1.	1 cu.mt.	23,000/-	20,700/-
2.	2 cu.mt.	30,000/-	27,000/-
3.	3 cu.mt.	34,000/-	30,600/-
4.	4 cu.mt.	42,000/-	37,800/-
5.	6 cu.mt.and above	56,500/-	50,850/-

The pre-fabricated biogas plants models approved by MNRE Government of India or registered with this department will be considered for subsidy @ 90% on the standard cost fixed.

The incentive for promotion of biogas would be provided @ Rs. 1000/- per plant to the promoters.

The subsidy provided by Government of India under promotion of non-conventional energy shall be adjusted within this subsidy and balance shall be paid from State funds.

(v) Assistance for construction/installation of organic manure units: Construction/Installation of organic manure units would be provided 75% subsidy limited to Rs. 1950/- per cu.mt. for organic manure unit for all categories of farmer. The standard cost for organic manure unit would be Rs. 2600/- per cu. mt which includes 90% cost on construction/installation including mason cost and 10% on culture, decomposing material, etc.

The unit can have one or more pits with or without internal chambers and preferably be

above ground level of bricks, laterite stones, cement blocks, shabaz/kadappa or RCC cement rings with clean internal side walls and should have adequate protection from sun and rain.

The portable organic manure unit of HDPE material and laid on prepared surface free from sharp objects and should be protected from rodents, maximum of 3 units would be considered for subsidy @ 90% subsidy on the standard cost fixed and maximum amount of Rs. 7,500/- per farmer.

(vi) Assistance for Construction/Installation of Vermi-compost units: Construction/Installation of vermi-compost unit would be provided 75% subsidy limited to Rs. 1,950/- per cu.mt for Vermi-compost units for all categories of farmers. The Standard cost for Vermi-compost unit would be Rs. 2600/- per cubic meter which includes 90% cost on construction/installation including mason cost and 10% will be the cost of earth worms, etc. The unit can have one or more pits with or without internal chambers and has to be above ground level of bricks, laterite stones, cement blocks, shabaz/kadappa or RCC cement rings, having a cement floor with proper water outlet, with clean internal side walls and a proper ant proofing and should be protected from sun, rain and from attack of birds, lizards and rodents feeding on earthworms.

The portable Vermi-composting unit of HDPE material i.e. Vermi-bed or Vermi-composting bins of 100 litre and above laid on prepared hard surface free from sharp objects and protected as above, maximum of 3 units would be considered for subsidy @ 90% subsidy on the standard cost fixed and maximum amount of Rs. 7,500/- per farmer.

Subsidy in item at Sr. No. (v) and (vi) shall be released after the units are filled with organic matter/bio-fertilizer for organic manure production/composting.

The assistance provided by Government of India towards above programme under any other scheme would be adjusted within the total subsidy and balance subsidy shall be paid by the State Government.

6. *Guidelines and procedure.*— (i) The farmer shall submit their application along with the Krishi Card Abstract, Soil Health Card, cash invoice towards purchase of inputs under the scheme to the Zonal Agriculture Officer.

(ii) In case of construction of biogas, the farmer should apply, with cost estimates, details of the registered mason, estimate of approved models for pre fabricated biogas plants prior to construction/installation to the Zonal Agriculture Officer and for constructed Organic manure/Vermi-compost unit the farmer should apply with the design and estimates and in portable units with estimate of approved models prior to construction/installation to the Zonal Agriculture Officer.

(iii) The Zonal Agriculture Officer should scrutinize the proposal for the documents required and he shall prepare a report giving complete details of the unit with measurements showing the dimensions, capacity in cu.mt, etc. along with a completion/installation certificate and then only submit the case to the District Agriculture Officer North/South for sanction and payment.

(iv) The District Agriculture Officer shall examine and sanction the claim.

(v) The subsidy sanctioned would be order for payment through Electronic Clearance System (ECS).

7. *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 Finance (Exp.) Department.

8. *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.

9. *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 issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department under their U. O. No. 1400025388 dated 6-6-2016.

This supersedes the earlier notification No. 3/5/M&F/Scheme/37/2013-14/D.Agri/611 dated 08-10-2013 and its amendment notification No. 3/5/M&F/BG-GEN/2/2015-16/D.Agri/333 dated 7th July, 2015.

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

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Tonca, Caranzalem, 1st July, 2016.