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Department of Agriculture

Directorate of Agriculture

Notification

3/Crops & PP/80/3/SSSKL/2023-24/
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Ref. 1) Notification No. 3/Crops & PP/80/
/3/SSSKL/2020-21 dated 30th

November, 2020 and published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 37 dated 10th December, 2020

Government is pleased to extend the Scheme "Financial Assistance to the Sanjivani Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd." for further period of six month or till the VRS is given to employees, whichever is earlier as per the notification referred at Sr. No. 1.

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This issued with approval of the Government and the concurrence of the Finance Department under their U. O. No. 1400093264 dated 15-07-2023.

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

Nevil Alphonse, Director of Agriculture & ex officio Joint Secretary.

Tonca-Caranzalem, 19th July, 2023.

Notification

3/3/Hort/SSS/Kera Suraksha/20/2023-24/
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Introduction - Coconut is one of the major crops of Goa covering more than 26,646 ha of area with annual production of 161.22 million nuts. The area under coconut is increasing steadily due to various problems faced by the Farming Community of Goa. Harvesting of coconut is one of the major problem posing threat for coconut production due to non-availability of expert coconut pluckers. At present, it is estimated that around 500-600 traditional coconut pluckers are carrying out the business of Harvesting of coconuts in a traditional way. As, this category of coconut pluckers need to be promoted for ease in harvesting of coconuts which is usually carried out three to four times in a year both the regular maintenance of the coconut trees from the pest attack. Coconut pluckers are traditional as well as those pluckers trained by the Directorate of Agriculture, Government of Goa under Coconut Development Board Scheme will be insured under the scheme.

Short title and commencement - (a) The scheme shall be called 'Kera Suraksha Insurance Scheme'

(b) The present notification shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force till it is withdrawn.

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

Objectives.— (a) To ease in harvesting of coconuts

(b) To maintain the coconut gardens infested by various pest like Red Palm Weevil, Rhinoceros Beetle, Bud Rot etc.

(c) To provide insurance coverage to coconut pluckers

Kera Suraksha Insurance Scheme.— The 'Kera Suraksha Insurance' Scheme is implemented by the Coconut Development Board in association with Insurance Company specified by Coconut Development Board for providing accidental insurance coverage to a maximum of Rs. 5.00 lakhs to Coconut Tree Climbers, Neera Technicians, Coconut Harvesters and Friends of Coconut Tree Trainees. 'Kera Suraksha Insurance' Scheme is a comprehensive group personal accident insurance scheme implemented for the benefit of coconut pluckers with a premium of Rs. 375/- or as fixed by Coconut Development Board which is shared between the Coconut Development Board and the beneficiary i.e coconut plucker in the ratio of 75:25%. At present, the beneficiary has to bear Rs. 94/- as the beneficiary share and the balance Rs. 281/- is borne by the Coconut Development Board. In spite of promoting the scheme through various forums, the traditional coconut pluckers are hesitant to take up the insurance scheme.

It is therefore, decided to insure all the Coconut Pluckers, Toddy Tappers, Neera Technicians, Coconut Harvesters, Friends of Coconut Tree Trainees under the 'Kera Suraksha Insurance' Scheme from 2023-24 onwards. The insurance premium payable by the beneficiary will be borne by the Government to cover all the Coconut Pluckers, Toddy Tappers, Neera Technicians, Coconut Harvesters, Friends of Coconut Tree Trainees operating in the State of Goa by providing insurance coverage of Rs. 5.00 lakhs or as decided by the Coconut Development Board from time to time. It is proposed to cover 1000 coconut pluckers every year with addition of Friends of Coconut Tree Trainees with a financial outlay of Rs. 1.00 lakh annually.