
Notification

DTW/STAT/Sheti-Samrudhi/Amendment/2025-26/1174

Date: 06-Jun-2025

Read: - 1) DTW/STAT/FA/2014-15/1/14841 dated 24-12-2015.

2) DTW/STAT/FA/2014-15/1/7004 dated 20-11-2016.

Whereas, the Government has notified a Scheme “Financial Assistance to facilitate community level action for growth of agriculture and for preparing conservation management plan of community forest resources, i.e. **Sheti Samrudhi Yojana**” vide above cited notifications.

And whereas, Government desires to revise the scheme “Financial Assistance to facilitate community level action for growth of agriculture, Sheti Samrudhi Yojana” in public interest.

1. *Introduction:*—

- a) Tribal population of Goa is predominantly dependent on the agriculture for their livelihood. Considering that nearly 70 percent of tribal population live in remote villages dependent on agriculture and marginal forest produce, agricultural growth will be the engine of broad-based economic growth and development with food security, poverty alleviation, conservation of forest and natural resources. Therefore there is a need to mobilize the best of science and development efforts including traditional knowledge and modern scientific approach through partnerships involving national and international research institutions, NGOs, farmers' organizations and private sector in order to tackle the present and future problems of food security and production.
- b) Small and marginal farmers amongst tribal population mostly working in group can collectively cultivate the land which increases the efficiency per acre of the land. They also need to be provided with all the agriculture extension services like inputs, market information and processing units, farm machinery and all latest techniques, crop rotation of paddy with vegetable and pulses by applying organic fertilizers and diversifying them with other allied agricultural activities like dairy, vermi-composting, honeybee keeping etc. Farmers need clerical assistance to avail various schemes of the Department of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Water Resources Department available for the development and growth of agriculture. Thus requires facilitating and supporting community level action to private voluntary organizations, including farmers groups aimed at improving food security, reducing poverty and assuring sustainability in the management of natural resources.

2. *Objective:*—

To provide financial assistance to facilitate and support community level action to farmer's co-operatives aimed at improving food security, reducing poverty and assuring sustainability in the management of natural resources.

3. *Target Population:*—

Cultivators/Agriculturists of Scheduled Tribe Community or forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes dependent on community forest resources in the areas/villages in which Forest Right Act is

implemented and have formed Tribal farmer's co-operatives formed with the objective to improve productivity or marketing of the farm or forest produce.

4. *Eligibility Criteria:—*

Tribal Farmers Co-operatives organization registered under the Goa Co-operative Societies Act, 2001 and formed with the objective to improve productivity or for the marketing of the farm or forest produce.

5. *Benefit under the scheme:—*

Financial assistance will be given for running the activities for farmer's co-operatives.

- I. Wages of one resource person (Diploma in Agriculture) and one peon at the rates fixed under Minimum Wages Act which shall be paid by Directorate of Tribal Welfare on monthly basis upon submission of attendance by the farmer Co-operatives.
- II. Fixed amount of Rs. 25,000/- per annum for incurring expenditure on stationery, printing etc.
- III. One time financial assistance of Rs. 1,00,000/- (One lakh only) for procurement of Desktop Computer, UPS, computer table, cupboard, table and chairs etc.
- IV. Rent Certificate issued by the PWD (Bldg Division), with the minimum limit of Rs. 8,000/- per month for urban areas and Rs. 5,000/- per month for rural areas. The aforementioned rent will be enhanced accordingly @10% on actual rent fixed after every 3 (three) years.

6. *Procedure to apply or avail benefits:—*

The application in the prescribed Form to be submitted to the Zonal Agriculture Officer along with the following documents mentioned below:—

- a) ST certificates of the members of the farmers co-operatives (50% of the members of the farmers co-operative should be from ST community).
- b) Registration Certificate of the farmers co-operative.
- c) Constitution and Registration copy of the farmers co-operative along with the office bearers.
- d) The farmer co-operative shall submit last 2 year audit report. If the farmer co-operative is formed during last two years, audit report of last financial year may be furnished.
- e) Krishi Card Abstract of all ST members of the farmer co-operative.
- f) Aadhar card copy of all the members.
- g) Bank passbook copy of the farmers co-operative.
- h) Rent Certificate issued by PWD (Bldg. Division), State of Goa.
- i) Brief project report on the activities which will be undertaken for the development and growth of agriculture, management of community forest produce or registration of claims of the forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers.
- j) Undertaking to be given by the applicant that the resources provided under the scheme will be used for the farmer's co-operatives and for the delivery of services provided by Government of Goa and Government of India to the members of the co-operative and other needy people.

After verification of the application and all the documents, Zonal Agriculture Officer shall forward the application along with all the documents to the Director of Tribal Welfare for approval & sanction.

7. *Sanctioning Authority:*— Director of Tribal Welfare shall sanction the application.

8. *Procedure for sanctioning of amount:*—

- I. Director of Tribal Welfare upon receipt of the application in the prescribed Proforma with required document shall carry out scrutiny of the application.
- II. After scrutiny Director of Tribal Welfare shall sanction the proposal and the amount to be disbursed to the farmer co-operative society with a copy to zonal agriculture officer.
- III. 50% of the total amount sanctioned shall be disbursed as 1st installment to the farmer's co-operative society and balance amount on submission of utilization certificate duly verified by the Zonal Agriculture Officer.
- IV. For availing the benefit for subsequent year the farmer co-operative shall submit annual performance report verified, signed and recommended by the concerned zonal agriculture officer. If farmer co-operative fails to submit the annual performance report then the succeeding year benefit shall be kept on hold till the report is submitted by the farmer co-operatives.

9. *Submission of Utilization Certificate:*—

Zonal Agriculture Officer shall monitor the functioning of the Farmer Co-operative and shall verify sign and submit the Utilization Certificate after obtaining the same from the farmer co-operative for the first installment to the Director of Tribal Welfare. After receipt of the Utilization Certificate of the 1st installment, the Director of Tribal Welfare shall release the balance amount. Zonal Agriculture Office shall verify sign and submit the Utilization Certificate of the balance amount to the Director of Tribal Welfare upon receiving the same from the farmer co-operatives.

10. *Monitoring of the scheme:-*

If there is any doubt in the matter of eligibility or for operationalization of the scheme or if any situation arises which is not envisaged at the time of formulation of the scheme, the same would be resolved by the Monitoring Committee whose decision will be final.

The Monitoring Committee shall consist of the following members:—

1. Secretary, Tribal Welfare: Chairman
2. Additional Secretary, Finance (Expenditure) or the Officer not below the rank of Under Secretary: Member
3. Director of Agriculture: Member
4. Director of Tribal Welfare: Member Secretary

11. *Evaluation of the scheme:*—

Performance of the scheme will be evaluated after two years of its implementation and if required scheme will be suitably modified to meet the new challenges/requirements so as to achieve the set objective.

12. *Relaxation of the provision of the scheme:*—

The Government shall be empowered to relax the clauses or conditions of the scheme if a genuine requirement arises on case to case basis, with the approval of the Finance Department.

13. *Interpretation of the provision of the scheme:—*

If any question arises regarding interpretation of any clause, word, expression of the scheme, the decision about the interpretation shall lie with the Government, and this decision shall be final and binding on all concerned.

14. *Application Form*

Application Form for Financial Assistance to facilitate community level action for growth of agriculture and for preparing conservation management plan of community forest resources i.e. “Sheti Samrudhi Yojana” is as per Annexure-A.

This revised scheme shall come into force from the date of publication of notification in the Official Gazette.

This is issued with the administrative approval of the Government vide U.O. No. 1011/F dated 10-05-2025 and Concurrence of the Finance (Exp) Department vide U.O. No. 1400017078 dated 26-05-2025.

By order & in the name of Governor of Goa.

Dipak S. Desai, Director & ex. office Jt. Secretary (Tribal Welfare) Panaji-Goa.

Annexure – A

Application Form

Application Form for Financial Assistance to facilitate community level action for growth of agriculture and for preparing conservation management plan of community forest resources i.e. “Sheti Samrudhi Yojana”.

1. Details of the Applicant:-		
a	Name of the Applicant	
b	Address of the Applicant	
I.	H. No.	
II.	Waddo	
III.	Village/Town	
IV.	V.P./Municipality	
V.	Taluka	
VI.	District	
VII.	Assembly Constituency	
VIII.	Post Office with Pin Code	
IX.	Contact No.	
c	E-mail id	
d	Aadhar card No.	

e	Qualification of the Applicant	
f	Occupation of the Applicant	
2. Details of the Farmer Co-operative:-		
a	Name of the Farmer Co-operative	
b	Contact No.	
c	Village/Town	
d	V.P./Municipality	
e	Taluka	
f	District	
g	Assembly Constituency	
h	Post Office with Pin Code	
i	Total members in Farmer co-operative and total ST members in farmer co-operative	
j	Date of establishment	
k	Whether Farmer Co-operative is registered under the Registration Act, 1860 or other relevant Act	
l	If yes, number and year of registration	
m	Whether the Farmer Co-operative are part of larger Organization, if yes, details thereof	
n	Type of the activity/agriculture would be taken up by Farmer Co-operative	
o	Whether the Farmer Co-operative have any link up with National Level or State Level organization who are having experience in the agriculture field	
p	Whether Farmer Co-operative has own space for office or need rented space	
q	Details of the Farmer Co-operative, its objectives and activities conducted during last three years	
r	Details of activities/programme undertaken for the Development of farmers, and local people in the village	
s	Whether the list of Names, Address, and occupation of the Managing Committee members (indicating the number of ST members) is attached	
t	Whether Farmer Co-operative are getting any other Financial Assistance from Central/State Government or any other source	

u	If yes, give details	
v	Bye-Laws of the Farmer Co-operative	
3. Bank Details of Farmer Co-operative:-		
a	Name of the Account Holder	
b	Name of the Bank	
c	Bank Account No.	
d	Branch of the Bank	
e	Type of Account	
f	MICR No.	
g	IFSC Code	

Verified the correctness and genuineness of the application by me and it is fit for approval under the scheme of Financial Assistance to facilitate community level action for growth for agriculture and for preparing conservation management plan of community forest resources for the benefits.

Forwarded to Director of Tribal Welfare, Panaji-Goa for necessary action.

Signature & Stamp of Zonal Agriculture Officer

Required Documents:—

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