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Abstract

Agriculture Department – Proposal for the creation of a Data Base of Farmers and Transferring Assistance to the Beneficiaries through ECS and e-payments – Administrative sanction Accorded – Orders issued.

AGRICULTURE (Agri) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No. 152/2012/AD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 19.06.2012.

Read:- 1) D.O. Letter No. 70204/SL3/2011/Fin. Dated 14.11.2011 of the Secretary, Finance Department.
2) Letter No. TP(1)16/12 dated 4.1.2012 from the Director of Agriculture.

ORDER

To enhance the use of e-payments the Government of India has advised that all payments to the beneficiaries be made by Electronic Fund Transfer and advised to evolve methodology to switch over to the system at the earliest by carrying out the following.

- (1) All payments to be made to beneficiaries shall be made by Electronic Fund Transfer to the respective accounts of beneficiaries. The banks have been asked to open 'no fril' accounts.
- (2) The Lead Banks of the respective area have been advised to ensure that no beneficiaries has any difficulty in opening a bank account.

After a detailed discussion, the Director of Agriculture was entrusted to collect farmers data and formulate a proforma. Accordingly the Director of Agriculture as per the letter read as 2nd paper above has forwarded a proposal. The proposal is to transfer the subsidies and other financial assistance to the beneficiaries by the use of ECS and e-payments as core banking facilities and RTGS have come in big way. Once a data base regarding the farmers details including bank account No., Basic identity card No., land under possession/leased, crops cultivated etc is made available, the eligible assistance as per different schemes could be transferred electronically, to the respective bank accounts of the beneficiaries as and when the claim is enhanced. This would save the time of Agricultural Officers considerably and could distribute the assistance instantly.

Objectives of the above programme are as follows :-

1. Creation of farmers data base who has registered at krishi bhavan level through registration.
2. To transfer the funds to each beneficiaries through electronic cash transaction.
3. To save the time of field functionaries so as to maximize their technical efficiency at the field level.

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4. To have more transparency, speed and efficiency in the implementation of schemes and disbursement of assistance.
5. Extend financial assistance to farmers without any delay.

Director of Agriculture has requested Government to give Administrative sanction for the above proposal for creation of a Data Base of Farmers and Transferring Assistance to the Beneficiaries through ECS/RTGS and e-payments.


Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord Administrative sanction for the creation of data base of farmers and transferring assistance to the beneficiaries through ECS/RTGS and e-payments.

(By order of the Governor)
K.R. JYOTHILAL
Secretary to Government

To

Director of Agriculture Thiruvananthapuram.
Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
Accountant General (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Sub Treasury Officer, Secretariat, Sub Treasury, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Finance Department (Vide U.O. No. 13838/SL3/2012/Fin. Dtd. 17.4.2012)
SF/OC

Forwarded/By Order

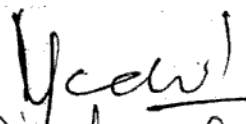

Section Officer

Copy to: PS to Minister (Agriculture)
PA to Agricultural Production Commissioner
PA to Secretary (Agriculture)

Encl on TPC(1) 16/12

dated: 20/06/2012.

Copy communicated to all Addnl. Directors, JAS, Dy. Directors, ADAs and PAOs for information and necessary action.


For Director of Agriculture.
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