



ABSTRACT

Agriculture – Implementation of Soil Health Card Scheme under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) during 2015-2016 – Sanctioned – Orders - Issued.

Agriculture (AP4) Department

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2046, மார்ச்சு 5

G.O.(Ms.) No.286

Dated: 21.12.2015

Read:

1. From the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture and Co-operation, New Delhi, Letter No. 1-2/2014-Fert.Use (xxiv), Dated 22.01.2015.
2. G.O.(Ms.) No.158, Agriculture (AP4) Department, Dated 29.07.2015.
3. From the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture and Co-operation, New Delhi, Letter No.16-28/2015-Fert.Use (iii), Dated 19.08.2015.
4. From the Director of Agriculture, Letter No. GOI.1/ 135852/2014, Dated 14.09.2015.

ORDER:-

In the letter first read above, the Government of India have conveyed its administrative approval and amount sanctioned for the implementation of Soil Health Card Scheme under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) during 2014-15 at a cost of Rs.131.191 lakh with sharing pattern of 75:25 between Centre and State. Meanwhile, the Government of India have informed that the Soil Health Card scheme under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture during 2015-16 has to be implemented on 50:50 sharing pattern both by Centre and the State.

2. In the Government order second read above, orders were issued for the continuance of the scheme of Soil Testing Laboratories, Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories and Central Control Laboratory, Kudumianmalai for the period from 01.04.2015 to 31.03.2016, subject to meet the expenditure within the Budget Provision. (Rs.1736.450 lakh).

3. In the letter third read above, Government of India have informed that the total allocation to Tamil Nadu for Soil Health Card is Rs.936.05 lakh and Government of India Share is Rs.468.03 lakh and released an amount of Rs.351.02 lakh as first

instalment amount under Mission Soil Health Card for 2015-16 as Government of India Share (75%).

4. The Director of Agriculture in his letter fourth read above has informed that the total outlay of the project of Mission soil Health Card of Tamil Nadu is Rs.2258.420 lakh. The 50% Government of India share is Rs.1129.210 lakhs and the remaining 50% share of Rs.1129.210 lakhs has to be borne by the State Government over a period of three years as detailed below:-

	Total	GOI Share	State Share
2015-16	965.860	482.930	482.930
2016-17	646.280	323.140	323.140
2017-18	646.280	323.140	323.140
Total	2258.420	1129.210	1129.210

5. The Director of Agriculture has also stated that the total requirement for the first year of Rs.965.860 lakhs, 50% Government of India share works out to Rs.482.930 lakhs of which Rs.131.910 lakhs is already released by Government of India during 2014-2015. As the administrative approval was received at the fag end of the financial year, the implementation of the programme is being carried out during 2015-16 for which necessary Government orders is being sought from the state Government.

6. The Director of Agriculture has also informed that anticipating the release of 50% Government of India share, the State has initiated the implementation of the programme already using funds provided under the regular Soil Testing Laboratory / Mobile Soil Testing Laboratory heads of Account which amounts to Rs.1655.34 lakhs during 2015-16. The Amount of Rs.1655.34 lakhs available under the Regular Head of Account (Which amounts to more than 50% of State share) will be incurred towards Payment of Salary for the Soil Testing Laboratory / Mobile Soil Testing Laboratory heads of Account Agricultural officers who are going to be fully involved in the collection of Soil samples, Analysis and distribution of Soil Health Cards, thus accomplishing the Goal of Mission Soil Health Card.

7. The Director of Agriculture has therefore requested the Government to sanction a sum of Rs.482.930 lakh (Government of India Share only) (already released by Government of India during fag end of 2014-15 of Rs.131.910 lakh + released by Government of India during 2015-16 of Rs.351.020 lakh) (State Share of Rs.482.930 lakh has already been given in State scheme) for the implementation of the programme of distribution of Soil Health Card starting from the year 2015-16 for the total cultivated area of 51.00 lakh hectares in Tamil Nadu (a total of 81.18 lakh farm holdings) in a phased manner following the norms prescribed by Government of India under Mission Soil Health Card.

8. The Government after careful examination accept the proposal of the Director of Agriculture and accord sanction for a sum of Rs.482.930 lakh (Rupees four crore and eighty two lakh and ninety three thousand only) (Government of India Share only) (which includes the fund already released by Government of India during fag end of 2014-15 of Rs.131.910 lakh + released by Government of India during 2015-16 of Rs.351.020 lakh) (State Share of Rs.482.930 lakh has already been given in State scheme) for the implementation of the programme of distribution of Soil Health Card starting from the year 2015-16 under National Mission for

Sustainable Agriculture for the total cultivated area of 51.00 lakh hectares in Tamil Nadu (a total of 81.18 lakh farm holdings) in a phased manner following the norms prescribed by Government of India under Mission Soil Health Card.

9. The expenditure sanctioned in para 8 above shall be debited to the following Head of Account:-

"2401-00-Crop Husbandry-108 Commercial crops – Schemes in the Twelfth Five Year Plan – III Centrally Sponsored Schemes – TL – National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture Growth".

(Rs.in lakh)

O2-Wages (DPC 2401-00-108-TL-0208)	42.500
19-Machinery and Equipment – 03 Maintenance (DPC 2401-00-108-TL-1930)	12.000
19 -Machinery and Equipment – 01 Purchase (DPC 2401-00-108-TL-1912)	18.400
05 - Office expenses – 02 Other contingencies (DPC 2401-00-108-TL-0520)	95.300
45 Petroleum, Oil and Lubricant (DPC 2401-00-108-TL-4508)	43.500
24 Materials and Supplies (DPC 2401-00-108-TL-2402)	135.000
11 Subsidies – 01 Individual Based subsidy (DPC 2401-00-108-TL-1118)	117.530
33 Payments for Professional and Special Services – 03 Special Services (DPC 2401-00-108-TL-3330)	17.200
72 Training (DPC 2401-00-108-TL-7201)	1.500
TOTAL	482.930

10. Necessary additional funds of Rs.482.93 Lakhs will be provided in Revised Estimates / Final Modified Appropriation 2015-16, under the relevant head of accounts. However this expenditure shall be brought to the notice of the legislature by way of Specific Inclusion in SE 2015-2016. Pending provision of such funds, the Director of Agriculture is authorized to draw and disburse the amount sanctioned in para 8 above. He is also requested to include this expenditure while sending the proposal for Revised Estimates / Final Modified Appropriation 2015-

2016 and also to send necessary explanatory notes for including the above expenditure in the Supplementary Estimates 2015-2016 to Government in Finance (Agriculture/BG-1) Department at the appropriate time without fail.

11. The Director of Agriculture is requested to strictly follow the norms prescribed by Government of India under Mission Soil Health Card.

12. The Director of Agriculture is requested to submit the physical and financial progress report and the utilization certificate regularly to the Government of India and Government of Tamil Nadu respectively.

13. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.No.101/Agriculture/2015, Dated 21.12.2015 and ASL No. 1646 (One Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Six)

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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The Accountant General, Chennai-18.
The Accountant General, Chennai-18. (By Name)
The Treasury Officers, concerned.
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