



ABSTRACT

Agriculture - Announcement under Rule 110 of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly - International Exposure Visit of Farmers to developed countries during the year 2015-2016 - permission accorded - Orders issued.

AGRICULTURE (H1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms).No.33

Dated:25.01.2016
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From the Director of Agriculture, Chennai-5, letter
No.ATMA2/ 117527/2015, dated 23.11.2015

ORDER:

On 28.9.2015, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has announced on the floor of the Assembly under Rule 110 of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly as follows:-

“இஸ்ரேல் உள்ளிட்ட மேலை நாடுகளில் உயரிய அறிவியல் தொழில்நுட்பங்களைப் பின்பற்றி, பயிர் சாகுபடியில் அதிக மகசூல் பெற்று வருகிறார்கள். அதே போன்று, தமிழக விவசாயிகளும் பாசன நீரை சிக்கனமாக பயன்படுத்துவது, விளைபொருள் தரத்தினை உயர்த்துவது உள்ளிட்ட பல்வேறு தொழில்நுட்பங்களை நன்கு அறிந்து செயல்படுத்தி லாபம் ஈட்ட வேண்டும் என்ற நோக்கத்தில், தமிழகத்தில் உள்ள 100 முன்னோடி விவசாயிகளுக்கு தோட்டக்கலைப் பயிர்களில் நன்கு முன்னேறியுள்ள வெளிநாடுகளுக்கு கல்விக்கற்றுலா ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்படும் என்பதை மகிழ்ச்சியுடன் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறேன். இது மட்டுமல்லாது, நமது நாட்டில், பிற மாநிலங்களில் பின்பற்றி வரும் தொழில்நுட்பங்களை அறிந்து கொள்ளவும் உள்நாட்டு கல்விக்கற்றுலாவுக்கு 10,000 விவசாயிகள் அழைத்துச் செல்லப்படுவர் என்பதை மகிழ்ச்சியுடன் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறேன்.”

2. Based on the above announcement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Director of Agriculture in his letter dated 23.11.2015 has sent the proposal to Government for International Exposure Visit of Farmers to developed countries during the year 2015-2016 wherein he has stated that the main objective of the International Exposure visit of farmers are to create awareness among the farmers on advanced technologies adopted in crop cultivation in foreign countries through exposure visit to that countries; to study and compare the technologies adopted in Tamil Nadu and host countries; to explore the possibilities of adopting the best technologies in our system; to interact with local farmers of the host countries and exchange of ideas and to obtain feed back from both the sides.

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3.The Director of Agriculture has furnished the details in respect of selection of institutes the crop wise foreign research institutes identified for the visit as below:-

Crop	Name of the institutes	No. of batches	No. of farmers to be deputed	No. of Officers to accompany
Paddy	(i) China National Rice Research Institute (CNRRI) and Hunan Hybrid Rice Research Center, China	1	10	2
	(ii) Indonesian Center for Rice Research & Indonesian Cereals Research Institute	1	10	2
Pulses	Department of Agricultural Research, Myanmar	1	10	2
Oil Seeds	Oil Crops Research Institutes, China	1	10	2
Coconut	Indonesian Palmae Research Institute	1	10	2
Cotton and Sugarcane	Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation	1	10	2
Vegetables	Guangdong Academy of Agricultural Sciences, China	1	10	2
		1	10	2
Fruits, Vegetables Farm Mechanisation and Micro Irrigation	Agricultural Research Organisation - The Volcani Center, Israel	1	10	2
		1	10	2
	Total	10	100	20

The Director of Agriculture has also stated that based on the confirmation received from the above institutions the exposure visits will be made tentatively during January and February 2016.

4. He has further stated that progressive Farmers will be selected in the identified districts. The selection will be done by the block Assistant Director of Agriculture / Horticulture and will be approved by the District Joint Director of Agriculture / Deputy Director of Horticulture. The duration will be 7-10 days (inclusive of days of travelling by air).

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5. He has also stated that provision of funds for the exposure visit is proposed from the funds available under Krishi Karman Award. The Government of India in their letter No.CPS.13-23/2011-NFSM, dated 21.12.2011 has stated that "State can utilize the award amount to improve the working environment in the Agriculture Offices for specific works as approved by the State Level Sanctioning Committee constituted under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)". The proposed expenditure of Rs.323.976 Lakh will be met from the Krishi Karman Award amount of Rs.413.80 Lakh inclusive of the interest accrued available with Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency. The fund requirement includes tentative travelling expenses, insurance, visa charges and other contingencies for farmers and daily allowances for the officials. The farmers are treated on par with the officials. No separate fund is sought for from the Government. After completion of the Exposure visit, the actual expenditure will be accounted. The country wise tentative fund requirement for the visit is as follows:-

Sl.No	Country	Total No of Farmers and officials	Tentative fund requirement (Rs.in Lakh)
1.	China	48	125.76
2.	Indonesia	24	57.576
3.	Brazil	12	43.8
4	Myanmar	12	28.44
5	Israel	24	68.4
	Total	120	323.976

The breakup details of proposed expenditure in respect of farmers and officials in connection with International Exposure Visit 2015-2016 are given below:-

Expenditure towards 100 farmers	: Rs. 269.980 lakh
Expenditure towards 20 officials	: Rs. 53.996 lakh
Total	: Rs. 323.976 lakh

6. The Director of Agriculture has therefore requested the Government to sanction orders for a sum of Rs.323.976 Lakh for the proposed International Exposure Visit of 100 farmers accompanied by 20 officials to developed countries from out of Rs.413.80 Lakh obtained from Government of India under Krishi Karman Award which is available with Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency accounts.

7. The Government, after careful examination, accept the proposal of the Director of Agriculture and accordingly sanction a sum of Rs.323.976 Lakh (Rupees three crore twenty three lakh ninety seven thousand six hundred only) for the proposed International Exposure Visit of 100 farmers accompanied by 20 officials to developed countries from out of

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Expenditure towards 100 farmers	: Rs. 269.980 lakh
Expenditure towards 20 officials	: Rs. 53.996 lakh
Total	: Rs. 323.976 lakh

The Government also approve the crop wise foreign research institutes identified for the visit of farmers as given below:-

Crop	Name of the institutes	No. of batches	No. of farmers to be deputed	No. of Officers to accompany
Paddy	(i) China National Rice Research Institute (CNRRI) and Hunan Hybrid Rice Research Center, China	1	10	2
	(ii) Indonesian Center for Rice Research & Indonesian Cereals Research Institute	1	10	2
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		1	10	2
Total		10	100	20

8. The Director of Agriculture is directed to select the farmers/Officers in consultation with the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops.

9. This orders issued with the concurrence of the Finance Department U.O. No.3636/Agri/2015, dated: 23.01.2016.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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