Letter (Ms) No. 133, dated 16.05.2018

From
Thiru. Gagandeep Singh Bedi, I.A.S.,
Agricultural Production Commissioner
And Principal Secretary To Government.

To
The Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering), Nandanam,
Chennai-35.
The Director of Agriculture, Chennai-5.
The Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, Chennai-5.
The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture and
Farmers Welfare, Department of Agriculture, Co-operation
and Farmers Welfare, M&T Division, New Delhi 110 001.
The Pay and Accounts Officer (South), Chennai-35.
The Treasury Officers/Sub Treasury Officers concerned.
The Principal Accountant General (G&SSA), Chennai-18.
The Principal Accountant General (E&RSA), Chennai-18.

Sir,


Ref: 1) From The Under Secretary (M&T), Mechanization and Technology Division, Department of Agriculture and Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt.of India, New Delhi Letter No.3-1/ 2015- M&T (I&P) Dated: 01.05.2017 for General and SCP category.

2) G.O.(Ms)No.154 Agriculture (AE.1) Department Dated: 22.06.2017

3) The Under Secretary (M&T), Mechanization and Technology Division, Department of Agriculture and Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India New Delhi Letter No 3-1/2015-M&T(I&P) Dated: 19.02.2018 for General and SCP category.

4) G.O.(Ms)No.66Agriculture(AE.1)Department Dated:10.03.2018.

5) G.O.(Ms)No.65Agriculture (AE.1) Department Dated:10.03.2018.


(p.t.o)

8) From Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) letter No. AM1/41771/2017, dated 26.04.2018

In G.O.(Ms) No.154 Agriculture (AE1) Department dated 22.06.2017 the Government have sanctioned and released an amount of Rs.3880.07 Lakhs for the first installment Annual Action Plan as per the revised sharing pattern of 60:40 between centre and state towards the implementation of the scheme of Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization during the year 2017-18 for the component of 1) Financial assistance for procurement of agricultural machinery and equipment, 2) Establishment of Farm Machinery Banks for Custom Hiring (Upto Rs.25.00 Lakhs), 3) Promotion of Farm machinery banks at village level and 4) Administrative expenses.

2) In G.O.(Ms) No.66 Agriculture (AE1) Department dated 10.03.2018, orders have been issued to sanction an amount of Rs.3879.76 Lakhs towards the implementation of the scheme of Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization second installment during the year 2017-18 for the components of 1) Financial assistance for procurement of Agricultural Machinery and equipment, 2) Establishment of Farm Machinery Banks for Custom Hiring (Upto Rs.25.00 Lakhs), and 3) Promotion of Farm machinery banks at village level.

3) In the G.O.(Ms) No.65, Agriculture (AE1) Department dated 10.03.2018 orders have been issued to sanction an amount of Rs.800.00 Lakhs towards the implementation of the scheme of Additional Annual Action Plan -Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization during the year 2017-18 for the component of Financial assistance for procurement of agricultural machinery and equipment.

4) The Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) has reported that totally an amount of Rs.595.96 lakhs is available as unspent during the year 2017-18. Out of the total unspent amount of Rs.595.96 Lakhs (Rs.2.04 Lakhs + Rs.553.41 Lakhs + Rs.40.51 Lakhs), an amount of Rs.268.99 Lakhs is the unspent amount available under general category farmers, and an amount of Rs.326.97 Lakhs is the unspent amount available under special component plan for scheduled caste farmers.

The unspent balance amount was surrendered to Government under the respective Head of Accounts during the year 2017-18 due to nonpayment of contribution amount, by delay in mobilization of funds towards the payment of contribution, by the farmers.

Totally an amount of Rs.595.96 Lakhs is not utilized during the year 2017-18 and the same will be utilized in the year 2018-19 towards the implementation of Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization. Out of the total unspent amount of Rs.595.96 Lakhs, the central share is Rs.357.57 Lakhs and Rs.238.39 Lakhs is the state share.

(p.t.o)
5) The Government of India vide its letter dated 19.04.2018 have revalidated the Govt. of India share of Rs.357.57 Lakhs towards the implementation of Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization-2017-18, during the year 2018-19.

6) The Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) has now proposed to utilize the unspent balance amount of Rs.595.96 lakhs during the year 2018-19, towards the implementation of Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM), as per the following components in the Annual Action Plan by altering the physical target as per the present farmers demand duly following the Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) subsidy assistance for general category Farmers Rs.268.99 lakhs for special component plan for schedule caste Farmers Rs.326.97 lakhs.

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<th>Sl. No</th>
<th>Name of the component</th>
<th>Financial Target for General Category farmers (in Nos)</th>
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<td>268.99</td>
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7) The Chief Engineer (AE), Agricultural Engineering Department, has requested to permit him to utilize the savings amount if any towards the distribution of any of the Agricultural Machinery mentioned under the component "Financial Assistance for procurement of Agricultural Machinery and Equipment" within the respective Head of Accounts.

8) The Chief Engineer (AE), Agricultural Engineering Department has also requested to permit him to utilize the savings amount available if any under the component "Establishment of Farm Machinery Banks for Custom Hiring" and
“Promotion of Farm machinery banks at village level” towards the distribution of any of the agricultural machinery namely Powertiller (8 BHP and above), Tractors (Above 20 to 40 PTO HP), Tractors (40 to 70 PTO HP) and Tractor drawn implements to farmers within the respective Head of Accounts.

9) Further the Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) has requested the Government to revalidate and accord financial sanction and to give authorisation for an amount of Rs.595.96 Lakhs (Central share Rs.357.57 lakhs + State share Rs.238.39 lakhs) under the respective head of accounts towards the implementation of the scheme of “Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization” during the year 2018-19.

10) The Government after careful examination accept the proposal of Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) and permit him to utilize the balance unspent amount of Rs.595.96 lakhs (Five crores and ninety five lakhs and ninety six thousand only) (Central Share: Rs.357.57 lakhs + State Share:Rs.238.387 lakhs) towards the implementation of Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) during the year 2018-19 as per the components in Annual Action Plan by altering the physical target as per the present farmers demand duly following the Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) subsidy assistance as detailed in para 6 above (General category Rs.268.99 lakhs +Special component plan for scheduled caste farmers Rs.326.97 lakhs).

11) The expenditure sanctioned at para 10 above shall be debited under the following head of account

For General category Farmers Rs.268.99 lakhs.

"2401-00- Crop Husbandry-113. Agricultural Engineering- Schemes shared between state and centre. UB-Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization-11-Subsidies-01-Individual based subsidy” (DPC:2401-00-113-UB-1116)"

For Special component plan for SC Farmers Rs.326.97 lakhs.


12) The Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering), Agricultural Engineering Department, Chennai is permitted to utilize the savings amount if any towards the distribution of any of the Agricultural Machinery mentioned under the component “Financial Assistance for procurement of Agricultural Machinery and Equipment” within the respective Head of Accounts.

13) Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) also permitted to utilize the savings amount if any under the component “Establishment of Farm Machinery Banks for Custom Hiring” and “Promotion of Farm machinery banks at village level” towards the distribution of any of the agricultural machinery namely Powertiller (8 BHP and above),

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Tractors (Above 20 to 40 PTO HP), Tractors (40 to 70 PTO HP) and Tractor drawn implements to farmers within the respective Head of Accounts.

14) This letter issues with the concurrence Finance Department vide its U.O. 23500/Agri/2018, dated 15.05.2018.

Yours faithfully,

For Agricultural Production Commissioner
And Principal Secretary To Government

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The Hon'ble Chief Minister's Office, Chennai-9.
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