ABSTRACT

Agriculture – Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) - Permission to outsource 29 staff for conducting Crop Cutting Experiments in Salem District for the year 2019 – 2020 and sanction a sum of Rs.30,80,150/- for payment of salary for the period from September, 2019 to March, 2020 – Accorded - Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE (AP2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms).No.185.

Dated: 3.9.2019

Read:


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ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, administrative sanction was accorded for the implementation of new Crop Insurance Scheme of “Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana” (PMFBY) at a cost of Rs.487.3703 Crore in all the districts of Tamil Nadu (except Chennai) from Kharif, 2016 season onwards, replacing the existing “National Agricultural Insurance Scheme” (NAIS) and to implement Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme (CPIS) as per existing Government of India guidelines.

2. In the Government Order second read above, orders have been issued sanctioning an amount of Rs.8.25 lakh towards advertisement charges and for meeting the expenditure on purchase of stationery, conduct of meetings, miscellaneous, etc. in respect of conducting Crop Cutting Experiments in the State under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana during the year 2016-2017.

3. In the Government Order third read above, orders were issued sanctioning a sum of Rs.13.140 crore towards outsourcing of 1095 additional staff (1093 staff for Crop Cutting Experiments in Districts + 2 Data Entry Operators for Data Entry Operations at Directorate of Agriculture = 1095) @ Rs.10,000/- per month per staff towards implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana during the year 2016 - 2017 for 12 months.
4. In the Government Order fourth read above, orders were issued sanctioning a sum of Rs.21,21,000/- towards outsourcing of 70 staff for Krishnagiri district for the period from November, 2017 to January, 2018 @ Rs.10,000/- per month per staff towards conducting of Crop Cutting Experiments under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana during the year 2017-2018.

5. In the Government Order sixth read above, orders were issued according administrative approval for implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana in all the districts of Tamil Nadu except Chennai during 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 as per the existing Government of India guidelines and instructions issued thereon and also financial sanction for an amount of Rs.634.7438 crore (Agriculture: Rs.621.1542 crore; Horticulture: Rs.13.5896 crore) during the year 2019 – 2020 towards settlement of State share of premium subsidy, Payments for Professional and Special Services, advertisement and contingencies as provided in the Budget Estimate 2019-2020.

6. In the letter fifth read above, the Director of Agriculture has stated that the 3 staff outsourced exclusively for conducting Crop Cutting Experiments (CCE) during 2016-2017 in Salem District are not sufficient to conduct the allotted Crop Cutting Experiments. He has also justified that every year, about 5,322 Crop Cutting Experiments are conducted during Kharif season and around 5,000 Crop Cutting Experiments during Rabi season in Salem district. But, there are only 110 extension functionaries to take up the Crop Cutting Experiments. The maximum number of Crop Cutting Experiments that could be conducted with the available Department field functionaries (Assistant Agricultural Officers) is 2200 @ 20 Crop Cutting Experiments per person. Further, 60 Assistant Technology Manager / Block Technology Manager in position could conduct 1200 @ 20 Crop Cutting Experiments per person.

7. Since providing yield data in time is mandatory for calculation of yield loss and payment of compensation to the affected farmers and considering the extensive field work to be carried out, conduct of Crop Cutting Experiments in time, recording and uploading the observations in mobile app / Government of India Crop Insurance Portal and furnishing the yield data, the Director of Agriculture has requested the Government to permit him to outsource 29 staff additionally for conducting Crop Cutting Experiments in Salem District during the year 2019-2020 by adopting the selection procedure as ordered in the Government Order third read above and to sanction an amount of Rs.48,25,950/- towards payment of salary to 29 staff for 11 months (from May, 2019 to March, 2020) and advertisement charges in line with the other outsourced staff.

8. In the Government Order seventh read above, orders were issued enhancing the salary of outsourcing Crop Cutting Experiment staff from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.15,050/- (inclusive of EPF; ESI, Service Charge and GST).

9. The Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Director of Agriculture, hereby accord permission to the Director of Agriculture to outsource 29 staff for Salem district by adopting the selection procedure as ordered in the Government Order third read above and sanction an amount of Rs.30,80,150/- (Rupees Thirty Lakh Eighty Thousand One Hundred and Fifty only) as detailed
below towards the payment of salary @ Rs.15,050/- per month per staff (inclusive of EPF, ESI, Service charge and GST) to the staff to be outsourced for the period from September, 2019 to March, 2020 and advertisement charges towards conducting of Crop Cutting Experiments under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana:-

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| 1.    | Outsourcing of 29 staff for conducting of Crop Cutting Experiment  
[Rs.15,050/- per month X 29 X 7 months (September, 2019 to March, 2020)]  
[Rs.10,000/- per staff as salary, Rs.2500/- (25% salary) towards EPF, Rs.500/- (5% salary) towards ESI, Rs.250/- (2.5% salary) towards service charges and Rs.1800/- (18% salary) towards Goods and Service Tax] | 30,55,150/-         |
| 2.    | Advertisement charges                                                                                                                                                                                 | 25,000/-           |
|       | **Total**                                                                                                                                                                                             | **30,80,150/-**     |

10. The amount sanctioned in para 9 above shall be debited to the following head of account:-

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| 2401 - 00 - Crop Husbandry - 110 - Crop Insurance - State's Expenditure - JJ - State's share towards Premium Subsidy under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) for Agriculture Crops | 333-Payments for Professional and Special Services - 04 - Contract Payment  
(IFHRMS: 2401- 00-110- JJ-33304)  
(Old DPC: 2401- 00-110- JJ-3348) | 30,55,150/- |
|                 | 308 Advertising and Publicity - 01- Advertisement charges  
(IFHRMS: 2401- 00-110- JJ-30801)  
(Old DPC: 2401- 00-110- JJ-0814) | 25,000/-        |
|                 | **Total**                                                                                                                                                                                             | **30,80,150/-**   |

11. Necessary additional funds of Rs.30,80,150/- will be provided in Revised Estimate / Final Modified Appropriation 2019 – 2020 under the relevant head of account. Pending provision of such funds, the Director of Agriculture is authorized to draw and disburse the amount sanctioned in para 9 above to the concerned. However, the expenditure shall be brought to the notice of the Legislature by specific inclusion in the Supplementary Estimate 2019-2020. The Director of Agriculture is directed to include this expenditure while sending the budget proposal for Revised Estimate / Final Modified Appropriation 2019 – 2020 and also to send necessary
draft explanatory notes for including the above expenditure in the Supplementary Estimates 2019-2020 to Government in Finance (BG-I/Agr) Department at the appropriate time without fail.

12. The Director of Agriculture is authorized to draw and disburse the amount sanctioned in para 9 above to the District Joint Director of Agriculture as per the filled up staff for settlement and the Joint Director of Agriculture will release the amount to outsourcing agencies.

13. The Director of Agriculture is permitted to pay the honorarium to the staff outsourced for conduct of Crop Cutting Experiments through the Outsourcing Agency and the process to be monitored by the concerned Joint Director of Agriculture.

14. The Director of Agriculture should take precautionary measures to ensure that the contract is discontinued after March, 2020 as ordered in para 9 above, without any claim for continuity / other sort of claims and preferably this work need to be done not by direct contract but through Agency method to avoid any disputes.

15. The Director of Agriculture is instructed that outsourcing of the Crop Cutting Experiments staff shall be done on competitive bidding basis by following the procedures mentioned in the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998.

16. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.41285/Fin (Agri)/2019, dated 29.8.2019 and Additional Sanction Ledger No.1262 (One thousand two hundred and sixty two).

(By Order of the Governor)

Gagandeep Singh Bedi,
Agricultural Production Commissioner and
Principal Secretary to Government.

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