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ABSTRACT

HORTICULTURE – TANHODA – Administrative approval for Implementation of Micro Irrigation Scheme under On Farm Water Management (OFWM) of National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) during 2014-15 – Sanction and Release of Rs.115.2349 crore as first Installment (Government of India share Rs.45.00 crore + State share Rs.70.2349 crore) orders - Issued.

AGRICULTURE (H1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.9

Dated: 12.01.2015

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Read:-

1. From the Government of India letter F.No.11-4/2013-Horti. Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agri. and Co-operation dated 6.5.2014.
2. G.O.(Ms) No.60 Agriculture(AP5)Department dated 19.5.2014.
3. From the Government of India letter F.No.20-13/2-13-Horti. Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agri. and Co-operation dated 12.06.2014.
4. From the Director of Horticulture & Plantation Crops letter No.MIS1/3008/2014, dated 15.7.2014 and 30.10.2014
5. From the Executive Director, Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency letter No.637/TAWDEVA/NMSA/2014 dated 08.09.2014
6. From the Director of Horticulture & Plantation Crops/Managing Director, TANHODA letter No.MIS1/600/2014, dated 02.12.2014.

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ORDER:-

The Government of India have formulated a new scheme called National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) from 2014-15 by subsuming four existing Government of India Schemes viz., (i) National Mission on Micro Irrigation (NMMI), (ii) National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF), (iii) National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility (NPMSH&F) and (iv) Rainfed Area Development Programme (RAD) relating to sustainable Agriculture with a special emphasis on Soil and Water Conservation, Water use Efficiency through On Farm Water Management (OFWM) i.e. Micro Irrigation, Soil Health Management and Rainfed Area Development.

2. In the Government order second read above, besides giving approval to implement the schemes under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), the Government of Tamil Nadu have also constituted a State Level Committee

(SLC), State Standing Technical Committee (SSTC), District Mission Committee (DMC) and Consortium under Climate Change and Sustainable Agriculture (CCSA). The Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency (TAWDEVA) was designated as State Level Nodal Agency for effective co-ordination with various Departments for successful implementation of NMSA Programme.

3. In the letter first read above, the Government of India have approved the Annual Action Plan for Micro Irrigation under On Farm Water Management of National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture in respect of Tamil Nadu with a Central share of Rs.90.00 crore as per National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture guidelines for 2014-15 and in the letter third read above, the Government of India have released a sum of Rs.45.00 Crore as first installment (i.e. Rs.36.00 + 8.55 + 0.45 crore for General, SC & ST category farmers respectively) for implementation of Micro Irrigation Scheme in the State under On Farm Water Management of National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture for 2014-15.

4. In his letter fourth read above, the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops has stated that Micro Irrigation scheme was implemented under erstwhile National Mission on Micro Irrigation (NMMI) with the following pattern of assistance as per G.O.(Ms.)No.221 Agri(H1)Dept., dated 25.11.2011.

Sl. No	Assistance (% of subsidy) from	Small Marginal farmers	&	Other Category
1	Government of India		50%	40%
2	Government of Tamil Nadu		50%	35%
3	Farmer's contribution		0	25%
	Total:		100%	100%

Under NMSA the pattern of assistance has been changed as detailed below:-

Sl No	Assistance (% of subsidy) from	DPAP area		Non-DPAP area	
		SF/MF (%)	Others (%)	SF/MF (%)	Others (%)
1	Government of India	50	35	35	25
2	Government of Tamil Nadu	10	10	10	10
3	Farmer's contribution	40	55	55	65
	Total:	100	100	100	100

In the above context, if the subsidy pattern as ordered in G.O.(Ms)No.221 Agri(H1)Dept., dated 25.11.2011 i.e., 100% subsidy for Small/Marginal farmers and 75% subsidy for other category farmers, is to be followed for the implementation of Micro Irrigation under On Farm Water Management of National Mission for

Sustainable Agriculture, the pattern of assistance will be as follows:-

Sl No	Assistance (% of subsidy) from	DPAP area		Non-DPAP area	
		SF/MF (%)	Others (%)	SF/MF (%)	Others (%)
1	Government of India	50	35	35	25
2	Government of Tamil Nadu	50	40	65	50
3	Farmer's contribution	0	25	0	25
	Total:	100	100	100	100

The financial implication to the State Government towards sanctioning the State Share of subsidy for the proposed Government of India share of Rs.90.00 crore for implementing Micro Irrigation scheme under On Farm Water Management of NMSA for 2014-15 will be Rs.140.982 crore.

5. In his letter sixth read above, the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops/Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Horticulture Development Agency has informed that during the year 2013-14, under NMMI scheme, work orders have been issued for Rs.6809.971 lakh additionally in anticipation of provision of additional funds from Government of India and Government of Tamil Nadu for which Bills are kept pending for settlement. Since, NMMI scheme is subsumed under On Farm Water Management of National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture from 2014-15, the above amount may be permitted to be utilized from 2014-15 allocations made under On Farm Water Management of National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture for the settlement of pending bills of 2013-14 as per NMMI pattern of subsidy since it is an on-going scheme. Under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture guidelines, the cost of norms for spacing 1.2 x 0.6 Mtr. is lesser than the NMMI cost norms and in NMMI guidelines, there is no slab for below 1.2 mtr. spacing whereas it is found in National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture guidelines as indicated in the table below:-

Lateral Spacing (mxm)		Cost Norms	
NMMI	NMSA	NMMI	NMSA
Wide Spaced Crops			
12X12	8 m & Above	18820	23500
10X10		20041	
9X9		20900	
8X8		22028	
6X6	4m to < 8m	26551	33900
5X5		30143	
4X4		31793	
Lateral Spacing (mxm)		Cost Norms	
NMMI	NMSA	NMMI	NMSA
3X3	2m to < 4m	36551	58400
2.5 x2.5		52230	
2X2		63598	
Close Spaced Crops			
1.5X1.5	1.2m to < 2m	74437	85400
2.5X0.6		54909	
1.8X0.6		70086	
1.20X0.6		97597	
< 1.2 m	< 1.2m	-	100000

Since most of the horticultural crops and pulses come under this spacing ( i.e. 1.2 x 0.6 Mtr. ) this may be adopted during this year by following the prices submitted by the registered manufacturers under NMMI guidelines without exceeding the National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture cost norms. Further, he has stated that under NMMI 31 Nos. of Micro Irrigation Manufacturers were registered by TANHODA and their validity period is upto 24.02.2015. For the year 2014-15, the said registered Micro Irrigation manufacturers may be permitted to work under OFWM of NMSA till 24.02.2015. Further, the Micro Irrigation firms may be directed to follow the rates as per NMMI cost norms without exceeding the NMSA cost norms for corresponding spaces.

6. In his letter 5<sup>th</sup> read above, Executive Director, Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency has requested the Government to release a sum of Rs.428.57 lakh being the 5% administrative cost for Rs.9000 lakh as allowed under On Farm Water Management component of NMSA to Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency, which is the Nodal Agency of NMSA in the State. However, the corresponding amount for the released amount of Rs.4500 lakh (first instalment) is 214.29 lakh only.

7. The Government examined the proposal of the Director of Horticulture & Plantation Crops, /Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Horticulture Development Agency (MD, TANHODA) and the Executive Director, Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency in detail and accordingly issue the following orders:-

- i. to implement the Micro Irrigation scheme under On Farm Water Management of National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture with the pattern of assistance of 100% to Small/Marginal farmers and 75% to other category farmers with a financial out-lay of Rs.140.98 crore as Government of Tamil Nadu Matching share with the central share of Rs.90.00 crore as per the approved Annual Action Plan for 2014-15.
- ii. to designate the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Horticulture Development Agency as State Level Implementing Authority for implementing Micro Irrigation Scheme under On Farm Water Management of National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture and the fund flow and monitoring of the scheme may continue to be executed by TANHODA.
- iii. to release a sum of RS.11309.20 lakh (Rupees one hundred and thirteen crore nine lakh and twenty thousand only) which comprises the first release of Government of India share of Rs.4254.71 lakh (excluding 5% administrative cost of Rs.214.29 lakh), Training cost of Rs.31.00 lakh and State share of Rs.7023.49 lakh for 2014-15 to the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Horticulture Development Agency for implementation of Micro Irrigation scheme under On Farm Water Management of NMSA.
- iv. to release a sum of Rs.214.29 lakh (Rupees two crore fourteen lakh and twenty nine thousand only) to Executive Director, Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency towards the 5% Administrative expenditure.

- v. to permit Director of Horticulture & Plantation Crops to utilize a sum of Rs.6809.97 lakh from out of above allocations to settle the pending bills of 2013-14 as per NMMI pattern of subsidy after complete verification of the Installation and proper working of the Micro Irrigation System at the Farmers field level since it is an on-going scheme.
- vi. to permit the 31 Nos.of Micro Irrigation Manufacturers registered by TANHODA to work under On Farm Water Management of National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture till 24.02.2015 and Micro Irrigation firms shall follow the rates as per NMMI cost norms without exceeding the NMSA cost norms for corresponding spaces.

8. The expenditure sanctioned in para-7(iii) and 7(iv) shall be debited to the following head of account:-

1	"2401-00-Crop Husbandry – 119 – Horticulture and Vegetables Crops – Schemes in the Twelfth Five Year Plan – II State Plan – LB – Installation of Drip and Sprinkler Irrigation System in farmers' holding in Ground water stresses Blocks – 11 Subsidies -01 Individual Based Subsidy". (DPC 2401 00 119 LB 1113)	Rs.9218.720 lakh
2	"2401-00- Crop Husbandry -789 . Special Component Plan for Schedule castes – Schemes in the Twelfth Five Year Plan – II State Plan JS – On Farm Water Management - 11 – Subsidies – 01 Individual Based Subsidy ” (DPC 2401 00 789 JS 11 12)	Rs.2189.536 lakh
3	"2401-00- Crop Husbandry -796. Tribal Area Sub-Plan JM - On Farm Water Management - 11 - Subsidies – 01 Individual Based Subsidy” (DPC 2401 00 796 JM 11 19)	Rs.115.234 lakh

9. The Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops/ Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Horticulture Development Agency is authorized to draw the amount sanctioned in para-7(iii) above and deposit the same in the Personal Deposit Account of Tamil Nadu Horticulture Development Agency by contra credit under the following head of account by following the procedure suggested in G.O.(Rt) No.1251, Finance (Ways and Means-II) Department dated 30.12.2005 and G.O.(Rt) No.1253 Finance (Ways and Means-II) Department dated 30.12.2005 for implementation of the scheme.

“ K-Deposits and Advances (b) Deposits not bearing interest – 8443 – 00 – Civil Deposits – 800 – other deposits – CW – Deposits of Tamil Nadu Horticulture Development Agency (TANHODA)” (DPC 8443 – 00-800-CW-000D) (Receipts)

10. The Executive Director, Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency is authorized to draw the amount sanctioned in para-7(iv) above, and utilize the same for meeting the Administrative expenditure incurred under this scheme.

11. Necessary additional funds of Rs.2533.25 lakh will be provided in Final Modified Appropriation 2014-15. However, this item of expenditure shall be

brought to the notice of the Legislature by specific inclusion in the Supplementary Estimates 2014-15. Pending provision of such funds, the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops and Executive Director, Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency are authorized to draw and disburse the expenditure sanctioned in para-7 above. The Director of Horticulture & Plantation Crops is also requested to include this item of expenditure while sending Final Modified Appropriation 2014-15 proposal and necessary draft explanatory notes for Supplementary Estimates 2014-15 to Government in Finance (BG.I / Agri) Department without fail.

12. The Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops is directed to send the Utilization Certificate to Government of India and progress report indicating physical and financial achievements and details of unspent balance, if any, to Government.

13. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.No.469 /Agri/2015 Dated 12.01.2015. and ASL No.2150 (Two thousand one hundred and fifty)

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

RAJESH LAKHONI,  
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION COMMISSIONER  
AND SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops, Chennai – 5.

The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Horticulture Development Agency,  
Chennai – 5.

The Executive Director, Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency, Chennai.32

The Joint Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture,

Department of Agriculture and Co-operation, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.

The Principal Accountant General (G&SSA), Chennai-18.

The Principal Accountant General (E&RSA), Chennai-18.

The Principal Accountant General (AAD), Chennai -18

The Resident Audit Officer, O/o Principal Accountant General (General and Social Sector Audit) Chennai – 9.

The Pay and Accounts Officer (East), Chennai – 8.

The Chief Accounts Officer, Office of the Director of Horticulture  
and Plantation Crops, Chennai – 5.

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**Endt.No. MIS1/600/2014 Dated: 19.01.2015**

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for Managing Director  
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The Director of Agriculture Marketing Chennai-32  
The Director of Sugar, Chennai-35  
The Chairman, State Standing Technical Committee , NMSA, Chennai-5  
The Mission Director/Joint Secretary to Government ( Horticulture Division ) , MoA, Department of  
Agriculture & Cooperation, New Delhi.  
The Joint Secretary, NCPAH, New Delhi  
All the members of State Level Committee(SLC) ,NMSA  
All the members of State Standing Technical Committee, NMSA  
The Chief Engineer, Agriculture Engineering Department, Chennai-35  
The Director of Seed Certification, Coimbatore  
The Director, WTC, Tamilnadu Agriculture University, Coimbatore  
All the District Collector / Chairman , DMC  
All the Joint Director of Agriculture / Member Secretary , DMC  
All the Joint Director of Horticulture/ Deputy Director of Horticulture (Except Chennai)  
The IT Admin of this office to upload in the web portal  
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