Annexure - III

SCHEME GUIDELINE

3722-"Development & Management of Farms / nurseries"
Sub-scheme: 20046 'Establishment / Revival of Block Level Nursery - cum-Sale centre'

1. Context/Background:

This scheme Establishment / Revival of Block Level Nursery -cum – Sale centre was introduced in the year 2008-09 with an objective to establish at least one Block Level Nursery in each block for supply of QPM of Horticultural crops to the farmers. From the year 2020-21 funds have been allotted for development of both Farms and Nurseries. There are 80 nos. of Horticultural farms and 162 Nurseries in the State. Most of the farms and Nurseries are actively engaged in production and distribution of Quality Planting Materials. The overall development of these Farms and nurseries is necessary for diversification of farming system to a new and more profitable era.

2. Scheme/ Programme Objectives:

- A number of mother plants of different fruit crops are existing in the Govt. horticulture farms and nurseries. The orchard area will be maintained (cleaning, irrigation, application of fertiliser & manure to mother plants) out of the funds available in the Scheme 'Establishment / Revival of Block Level Nursery' State plan.
- At present most of the Farms producing Mango grafts. But in the present context there is need of production of various fruits suitable for Odisha. Looking to the present & future demand it has been proposed to produce Quality Planting Materials of Litchi, Cashew, Guava, Custard apple, Orange, Sapota, Apple ber etc. to cater the need of the farmers of the State. For that purpose, Mother Block of new crops, suitable / new variety of existing crops having market demand, exotic fruit crops will be established to produce QPM for their expansion in the State. The produced QPMs will be supplied to the farmers under different programmes under Directorate of Horticulture, Other departments, NGOs and public.

- The fruit orchards were developed since long. Many of the fruit orchard lost its juvenility and become senile. Due to loss of juvenility there is hindrance of production of QPM & decrease in productivity. So rejuvenation the old orchard is necessary.

- There is need up different infrastructures like irrigation facilities, Boundary wall/ fencing, land development, godown, protected structure, different sheds, farm road, electrification, vermi compost pit, machinaries and implements etc, for production of QPM and better management of farm & nursery. The repairing and new construction work are to be taken up under infrastructure development component of this scheme.

3. **Coverage under the Scheme / Programme and duration [(**i) In case of capital projects , length/area etc. of the work with detailed break up as well as intended benefit to the public (ii) In case of Social sector project , the target beneficiaries , eligibility criteria, quantum of benefit to be detailed**.]**

   Duration of the Scheme: Yearly basis for 3 years (2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27)

   Targeted Beneficiaries: Though it is not a beneficiary oriented scheme, all categories of farmers are the indirect beneficiaries as they are benefited by using the planting materials produced in the farms.

   Eligibility criteria: All the farms and nurseries under Directorate of Horticulture are eligible for development under this scheme

   Benefits: Increasing in production and productivity of farms & nurseries, Modernisation of farms, increasing access to farmers and visitors, better utilisation of land, higher return/ revenue, area expansion etc.

4. **Implementation of the Scheme/ Programme (**with definite role of the stake holders at State / District/ implementation level**)**

   The project will be taken up as per requirement of farms in phase manner. For maintenance of orchard, rejuvenation & establishment of mother block the farm in-charge will take up the activities as per guidance of concerned DDH/ADH.

   For maintenance of Orchards expenditure will be made as per cost norm approved by Govt. and communicated vide this office letter no. 4112 dt. 18.04.24 i.e. Rs. 55000 /- per Ha. Establishment of new Mother block and its 2^{nd} Maintenance will be made as per model estimate communicated vide this office letter no. 1924 dt. 23.02.2022. Rejuvenation of old orchards will be made as per cost norm i.e. Rs. 40000/- per ha. which is at par with NHM norm. In case of any revision in the cost norm, the DDH/ADH will follow the revised cost norm.

For infrastructure development a committee comprising of DDH/ADH, Farm in charge and EE/AAE will decide the works to be taken up in a financial year for timely utilisation of funds.

Plan & estimate will be prepared by concerned AAE in consultation with DDH/ADH which shall be submitted to the competent authority for technical sanction & Administrative approval.

The funds would be placed with concerned DDH/ADH. The works shall be executed by DDH/ADH utilising the services of concerned AEE following financial norms. Civil works in the farms and nurseries should be done following OPWD Code.

The work shall be check measured as per codal procedure and payment shall be made after fulfilling all formalities.

The works will be supervised by Executive Engineers of that Zone from time to time. The concerned DDH shall review & report the progress of work in every month.

The MPR indicating Physical & financial progress will be submitted by DDH/ ADH by 10^{th} of each succeeding month to the Directorate. In case of renovation/ repair work, the photographs of pre execution, during execution & post execution will be kept for record.

Diversion of funds can only be made with prior approval of Director on assigning sufficient reason by DDH/ADH.

The work shall be completed within the financial year. In case of work is not started during the same financial year in which it is sanctioned, fresh approval may be made by the competent authority.

5. Source of funding for the Scheme/ Project and fund flow mechanism.

It is a State Plan Scheme with 100% funding from State Govt.

A & FE Dept. sanction the funds as per budget provision to the Directorate of Horticulture after approval of Action Plan.

The funds released to DDH/ADH concerned from the Director of Horticulture for implementation.

6. Intended Scheme /Programme outcome

(Financial fig. in Rs. Lakh)

Sl. No.	Year	2024-2025		2025-2026		2026-2027		G. Total	
	Component	**Physical**	**Financial**	**Physical**	**Financial**	**Physical**	**Financial**	**Physical**	**Financial**
1	Maintenance of orchard (ha.)	1075	591.25	1075	591.25	1075	591.25	3225	1773.75
2	Establishment of Mother block (ha.)	20	50.50	18	48.60	15	45.60	53	144.70
3	Rejuvenation of old orchard (ha.)	80	32.00	40	16.00	30	12.00	150	60.00
4	Infrastructure development (no. of Nurseries)	77	956.25	75	894.15	70	801.15	222	2651.55
	TOTAL		**1630.00**		**1550.00**		**1450.00**		**4630.00**

7. Monitoring /Evaluation mechanism

The scheme will be monitored by internal verification committee constituted by Additional Director of Horticulture, FA-cum-Joint Secretary / Deputy Secretary to Govt., Joint Director (Farm & Seed) DAFP and concerned scheme officer. The scheme is auditable as per prevailing rules and regulations under the state Government. Post project evaluation will be made by an independent agency with assistance of PPOMU cell of Finance Dept.

8. Forms for application by the beneficiaries (if any) to be annexed ;

Not related