

SCHEME FOR INCENTIVISATION OF PRIVATE FORESTRY

(I) Introduction :-

The demand for both industrial and household hardwood timber far out reaches its production and supply in Kerala. At present more than 60% of the state's hardwood timber requirement is met from import. Perpetual dependency on import of timber may weaken our economy, as future import of timber is not an assured means for meeting our timber demands. The diminishing forest wealth makes the Government unable to supply any more quantity of hard wood timber. As the availability of Government land for tree farming is scarce or limited, one way to achieve timber self sufficiency in the state is to encourage growing more timber species, thereby increasing the production of hardwood timber in the available lands outside the conventional forest area. The individual farmers owning the land shall be encouraged to grow trees and produce timber through offering adequate incentives.

(II) Objectives of the Scheme:-

- (a) To increase the area under tree cover.
- (b) To mitigate the effects of global warming and climate change.
- (c) To achieve timber self sufficiency in the State.
- (d) To enable the homesteads to supplement the existing farm returns and hedge against the possible fluctuation of the price of current crops.
- (e) To promote tree farming as a secondary agrarian practice.

(III) Tree Species covered in the Scheme: -

Following tree species are covered under the scheme.

- (1) Teak (2) Sandalwood (3) Mahogany (4) Anjily (5) Plavu
(6) Rosewood (7) Kambakam (8) Kumbil (9) Kunnivaka (10) Thembavu.

(IV) Implementation:-

The quality planting stock of the above proposed species will be raised by the Social Forestry wing of the Kerala Forest Dept. and will be supplied at Government approved rate to meet the above objectives. The scheme will be implemented through individual farmers, VSS, EDC, Kudumbasree units, Self Help Groups, farmer's cooperatives and NGOs.

(V) Eligibility of beneficiaries for getting incentives :-

- (a) The applicant should be the owner of the land where planting is done.
(b) The species planted should be covered under the scheme.
(c) The minimum number of existing seedlings for claiming incentive should be 50.
(d) The planted seedlings should have a height of not less than 1.5 M for Teak and Mahogany, 50 cm for other species at the time of assessment during April next year.

(VI) Amount of Incentive

To encourage the tree farming by the farmers, the following incentive slabs are proposed:-

- a. From 50 - 200 plants Rs. 50 per plant

- b. 201 to 400 Rs. 40 per plant with a minimum of Rs.10000/-
- c. 401 to 625 plants Rs. 30 per plant with a minimum of Rs.16000/-.

50% of the incentive shall be released at the end of 1st year and the remaining 50% shall be released at the end of 3rd year, after confirming the proportionate satisfactory growth.

To sustain the interest in the long run, the area will be re visited at the end of 5th and 10th year and suitable cash awards shall be given to the best three performers in each of the above said slab as decided by the Committee.

(VII) Application for availing incentive:-

The individuals owning land and having planted above species under the scheme shall apply in the prescribed proforma to the Forest Range officer (Social Forestry) having jurisdiction over the area.

(VIII) Verification of seedlings planted and recommendation:-

The Forest Range Officer shall get the application verified by the Forester and put up for consideration and recommendation by the Panchayath Level Committee. The service of Kudumbasree/VSS/EDC members can be availed by the Forester for verification if needed.

The District Level Committee will give the final approval for distribution of incentives.

(IX) Recommendation for disbursement and Monitoring and Evaluation:-

A Panchayath level committee will be formed to recommend the disbursement of amount to eligible applicants after receiving the application through FRO and evaluating the planting before the payment is recommended.

Structure of Panchayath Level Committee

- Members : 1. Panchayath President or his nominee.
 2. Forest Range Officer (Social Forestry) having jurisdiction over the area.
 3. Local agricultural officer or his nominee.
 4. A local NGO.
- Convenor : Forest Range Officer (Social Forestry).
- Quorum : Consisting of minimum three members of the above.

Recommendation of the Panchayath Level Committee will be forwarded to the District Level Committee for final approval on disbursement of the incentive.

Structure of District Level Committee

- Members : 1. Addl. District Magistrate or his nominee.
 2. Assistant Conservator of Forests (SF).
 3. District Panchayath Secretary.
- Convenor : Assistant Conservator of Forests.
- Quorum : Consisting of minimum two members of the above.

Eligible TA, DA will be paid for activities relating to monitoring and evaluation.

(X) Disbursement of the incentive:-

The incentives as recommended by the Committee shall be disbursed by the concerned Assistant Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry) by Account Payee cheque subject to the availability of funds.

(XI) Period of Scheme:-

The period of scheme will depend upon the success of the scheme and the decision of the Government; and no claim shall be entertained in case the Government decide to discontinue the scheme.

Application Form

(Application Form for the incentive for Tree planting)

Year of Planting:.....

Incentive for 1st Year / 3rd Year

| | | | | |
|----|---|----|----------------|--|
| 1) | Name of Applicant | | | |
| 2) | Address | | | |
| 3) | Phone Number | 4) | Mobile Number | |
| 5) | Name of Panchayath/ Municipality/Corporation | | Ward Number | |
| 6) | Name of nearby VSS/ EDC/ Kudumbasree | | | |
| 7) | Total extent of land with Survey number | | | |

DETAILS OF SEEDLING PLANTED

| Name of Species | No of seedlings for which incentive claimed | Month & Year of planting | Height of seedlings (<i>each and every seedlings to be measured and list attached</i>) |
|-----------------|--|--------------------------------|--|
| Teak | | | |
| Sandal wood | | | |
| Anjili | | | |
| Mahagony | | | |
| Plavu | | | |
| Rosewood | | | |
| Kambakam | | | |
| Kumbil | | | |
| Kunnivaka | | | |
| Thembavu | | | |
| Total | | | |

Signature with Date

Social Forestry Division:..... Range:..... Year.....

Verification & Recommendation Report

(Verification & Recommendation form for the incentive for Tree Planting)

Certified that Sri:.....of Village.....Grama Panchayath
.....Ward No..... (GPS readings:.....)
has planted number of seedlings. I have verified with the attached list. The
details of seedlings existing are as below:

| Name of Species | No of seedlings for which incentive claimed | No. of seedlings recommended |
|------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Teak | | |
| Sandal wood | | |
| Anjili | | |
| Mahagony | | |
| Plavu | | |
| Rosewood | | |
| Kambakam | | |
| Kumbil | | |
| Kunnivaka | | |
| Thembavu | | |
| Total | | |

The above listed saplings are growing well and are eligible for incentive under the scheme.

Signature & Name of Forester with Date :.....

Recommendation by Panchayath Level Committee

We agree/disagree with the recommendation of Forester and recommend an incentive of Rs.....(Rupees.....) to Shri..... for number of saplings.

Member 1

Member 2

Member 3

Member 4

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(Name & Signature with date)

Recommendation by District Level Committee

We agree/disagree with the recommendation of Panchayath Level Committee and recommend an incentive of Rs..... (Rupees.....) to Shri..... for number of saplings.

Member 1

Member 2

Member 3

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(Name & Signature with date)

Social Forestry Division:..... Range:..... Year.....

Payment Details

Application Registration No:

Paid an amount of Rs..... (Rupees.....) to
Shri. as 1st Year / 3rd Year incentive for growing
..... number of saplings.

Name and Signature of Assistant Conservator of Forest with date:.....



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forest & Wildlife Department -Scheme for incentivisation of private forestry-Sanction accorded-Orders issued

FOREST & WILDLIFE (E) DEPARTMENT

G.O(Rt)No. 99/2012/F&WLD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 17.02.2012

Read:- Letter No.SW2.2845/11 dated 14/12/11 from the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (E&TW)

ORDER

In the letter read above the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Social Forestry) has requested to accord Administrative Sanction for the new Scheme for 'Incentivization' of Private Forestry. The main objective of the scheme is to achieve timber self sufficiency in the state through providing incentives to land owners who have taken up tree planting in their own land. Rs.200 lakhs has been earmarked under the Budget Head 2406-01-800-98-34 OC Forest Publicity & Extension to implement the scheme. The scheme will be implemented through individual farmers, VSS, EDC, Kudumabasree Units, Self Help Group, Farmer's Co-operatives and NGO's. The following modifications were made in the original proposal.

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- > To widen the species base and species diversity six more species are included in the scheme making the total number of species to 10
 - > A slab system with different incentive levels is proposed in the scheme
 - > The condition of 250 trees per acre is replaced with minimum number of tree saplings(50 Nos) for considering the application for incentive taking into consideration the present land use pattern in Kerala.
- The maximum incentive limit may not be insisted to encourage more tree planting.

The main objectives of the scheme are as follows.

- a) To increase the area under tree cover.
- b) To mitigate the effects of "Global warming and Climatic change".

- c) To achieve timber self sufficiency in the State.
- d) To enable the homesteads to supplement the existing farms returns and hedge against the possible fluctuation of the price of current crops.
- e) To promote tree farming as a secondary agrarian practice.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests while forwarding the proposal has requested Government to accord sanction to the proposed scheme which is in a modified pattern

Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord Administrative Sanction for the new scheme "Incentivisation of Private Forestry" to achieve timber self sufficiency of the State through providing incentives to land owners who have taken up tree planting in their own land. The actual amount for the scheme is proposed to be met from the provision available from the Head of Account 2406-01-800-98-34 OC Forest Publicity & Extension.

(By Order of the Governor)

C.G.PRADEEPKUMAR

Deputy Secretary to Government

For Principal Secretary to Government

To

- > The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
- > The Accountant General Audit (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram (This order is issued with the concurrence of Finance Department)
- > The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Thiruvananthapuram
- > The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Social Forestry), Thiruvananthapuram
- > Stock file/Office copy

Forwarded/By Order


Section officer



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Forest & Wildlife Department - Guidelines for Scheme for incentivisation of private forestry-
Administrative Sanction accorded-Orders issued

FOREST & WILDLIFE (E) DEPARTMENT

G.O(Rt)No.486/2012/F&WLD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 29.09.2012

Read:- 1. GO(Rt) No.99/12/F &WLD dated 17.02.2012
2. Letter No.SW2.2845/11 dated 26.06.2012 from the Principal Chief
Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry), Thiruvananthapuram

ORDER

As per Government Order read as 1st paper above Government had accorded Administrative Sanction for the scheme "Incentivisation of private forestry" to achieve timber self sufficiency of the state through providing incentives to land owners who have taken up tree planting in their own land.

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry) as per the letter read as 2nd paper above has reported that for implementing the scheme effectively and to have a uniform procedure throughout the state, it is imperative to have guidelines so that it will be helpful for the farmers and departmental officials to execute the scheme diligently and with transparency. Accordingly he has prepared a draft guidelines and forwarded the same to Government for approval.

The Government have examined the matter in detail are pleased to approve the guidelines for 'Incentivisation' of Private Forestry as annexure to the Government Order.

(By Order of the Governor)


JOHN M JOHN

Deputy Secretary to Government
For Principal Secretary to Government

To

- The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force, Vazhutacaud, Thiruvananthapuram
- ✓ ➤ The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry), Vazhutacaud, Thiruvananthapuram
- The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
- The Accountant General (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

Forwarded/By Order


Section officer

ANNEXURE

- Any applicant under the scheme will have to register with the Range officer (SF) having jurisdiction over the area by submitting application in the prescribed format. Registration number with date shall be issued by concerned Range officer on scrutiny of the application. The applicant should not be a beneficiary under any other ongoing similar incentivisation scheme of the Govt. The applicant will have to give an undertaking while submitting the application and at the time of receiving incentive.
- A permanent register with all details shall be maintained by the Assistant Conservator of Forests (SF) for registering all applications received.
- A notification calling application for incentives shall be published by the Forest Department in August – September.
- Tree species covered under the scheme are Teak, Sandalwood, Mahogany, Anjily, Plavu, Rosewood, Kambakam, Kumbil, Kunnivaka and Thembavu only.
- For registration, the saplings planted during the previous year only shall be eligible i.e, saplings with a minimum of one year and not more than 2 years.
- The applicant should be the owner of the land or holder of a long lease with a minimum of 10 years remaining lease period as on the date of application.
- The documents related to ownership, possession, lease agreement, sketch and all other relevant documents shall be produced along with the application to the satisfaction of ACF.
- To be eligible for incentive, a minimum of 50 planted and surviving seedlings of age from 1 to 2 years should be there at the time of verification.
- Registration for incentive for planting in a particular area can be done once in 10 years only. If additional planting is done in subsequent years, corresponding additional incentive will be admissible.
- 50% of the incentive shall be released at the end of 1st year and the remaining 50% shall be released at the end of 3rd year. At the end of 1st year the seedlings of teak & mahogany should have a minimum height of 1 M and for other species a height of 50 cm at the time of verification. Incentive in 3rd year shall be decided considering overall performance/ health of the seedlings.
- To sustain the interest in the long run, the area will be re visited at the end of 5th and 10th year and suitable cash awards shall be given to the best three performers in each district as decided by the Committee.
- The notification inviting application will be issued once in a year. The notification will be published in the newspapers and put in the website of the Forest Department.
- The Government reserves the right to reconstitute the Committee and modify any of the conditions.

- The disbursement of incentive will be subject to availability of fund and the limits decided by the Govt. and shall be paid by Account payee cheque by the Assistant Conservator of Forests (Social Forestry).
- The result of the scrutiny of applications of private individuals will be put up in the website as well as in the notice boards and the selection for beneficiaries shall be intimated to the individuals by the concerned Assistant Conservator of Forests. In case if any complaints are given the Chief Conservator of Forests / Conservator of Forests in charge of the Social Forestry Circle shall be the final authority to decide.

INCENTIVISATION OF PRIVATE FORESTRY

Officers to be contacted for information

| Sl. No | District | Office Address | Mobile No. |
|--------|--------------------|---|------------|
| 1 | Thiruvananthapuram | Assistant Conservator Of Forests Social Forestry Rajiv Gandhi Nagar Vattiyoorkavu, Thiruvananthapuram-13 | 9447979135 |
| 2 | Kollam | Assistant Conservator Of Forests Social Forestry Vanasree Forest Complex Chinnakkada, Kollam-691001 | 9447979132 |
| 3 | Pathanamthitta | Assistant Conservator of Forests Social Forestry, Haritha Complex Eliyarackal, Konni. P.O. 689691 | 9447979134 |
| 4 | Alappuzha | Assistant Conservator of Forests Social Forestry, Kummadi Junction, Allappuzha North. P.O, Allappuzha -688007 | 9447979131 |
| 5 | Kottayam | Assistant Conservator of Forests Social Forestry Aranya Bhavan Complex S.H.Mount P.O. Kottayam-686006 | 9447979133 |
| 6 | Idukki | Assistant Conservator of Forests Social Forestry, Sahya Sanu, Vallappara, Painavu. P.O, Idukki - 685 603 | 9447979142 |
| 7 | Ernakulam | Assistant Conservator of Forests Social Forestry, Building No. 50/409, Manimala Road, Edappalli.P.O, Cochin - 682 024 | 9447979141 |
| 8 | Thrissur | Assistant Conservator of Forests Social Forestry, Palace Road, Chembukkavu. P.O Thrissur - 680 020 | 9447979144 |
| 9 | Palakkad | Assistant Conservator of Forests Social Forestry, Aranaya Bhavan, Olavakkod, Palakkad - 678 002 | 9447979143 |
| 10 | Malappuram | Assistant Conservator of Forests Social Forestry 2ndFloor, New Block, CivilStation,Malappuram-676505 | 9447979154 |

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| 11 | Kozhikode | Assistant Conservator of forests Social Forestry Forest Complex Vanasree Mathottam, Kozhikkode-673028 | 9447979153 |
| 12 | Wayanad | Assistant Conservator of Forests Social Forestry, Panangad Road, Kalpetta, Wayanad - 673 121 | 9447979155 |
| 13 | Kannur | Assistant Conservator Of Forests Social Forestry Kannothumbal Thana.P.O., Kannur-670012 | 9447979151 |
| 14 | Kasargode | Assistant Conservator Of Forests Social Forestry Vidya Nagar.P.O. Kasargod-670123 | 9447979152 |