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Sub:- Annual Plan 2025-26 - Scheme on "Production and Distribution of Quality Planting Materials and improvement of Departmental Farms"- Working Instructions-issued -regarding

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One of the key responsibilities of the Department is to ensure timely provision of quality planting materials to the farmers . To achieve this objective, all the Department farms including Special farms, Seed farms, Coconut nurseries, District agricultural farms etc. are effectively utilized.

In the Annual Plan 2025-26, Government of Kerala have already accorded sanction for implementing the scheme entitled "Production and distribution of quality Planting materials and improvement of departmental farms with an outlay of Rs. 1275.00 lakh under the Head of Account 2401-00-104-91 (P). The continuous administrative sanction for the scheme was accorded as per reference (1) of this circular for an amount of Rs. 1175.00 lakh and the following instructions are issued for the smooth implementation of the scheme.

The instructions and guidelines are to be strictly adhered to and the planting materials produced and distributed from the farms shall be Quality Declared Planting Materials from hence forth.

1. Production of planting materials and seeds (850 lakhs)

(a) The production of planting materials shall be in accordance with the State targets for the year 2025-26 as per the **Annexure I** of this circular. This target is inclusive of the planting material / seed requirement related to implementation of various schemes and requirement from the general public. These targets are fixed as the minimum and all are directed to achieve beyond the limits prescribed. The Principal Agricultural Officers (PAO) of the district shall allot targets and required funds to the heads of farms as per the Annexure II of this circular.

(b) All Heads of farms have to prepare a forecast of activities and expenditure (herein after referred as "forecast") both for the production as well as scientific management of the existing crops/ mother plants and maintenance of the infrastructural facilities available. All scientific practices are to be followed and the planting materials shall be free from pest and diseases. Necessary scientific crop management practices are to be strictly followed for all types of crop related activities in the departmental farms. **The forecast of farms shall be scrutinized and approved by the respective Principal Agricultural Officers. .**

(c) The seed farms of the state shall concentrate on the production of certified paddy seeds, vegetable seeds, pulses and millets. However, as per the direction of the Department, considering the priority for implementing the Government policies, other planting materials shall also be produced and necessary infrastructure facilities shall also be developed.

(d) The coconut nurseries shall produce and distribute coconut seedlings of different promising varieties as per the working instructions issued under the Coconut Council programme "Coconut seednut production & coconut seedling production". However, as per the direction of the Department for implementing Government policies, other planting materials shall also be produced and necessary infrastructure facilities shall be developed, utilising the fund under 2401-00-104-91-Plan. **But the cost of coconut seed nuts and transportation of coconut seedlings is not admissible under this scheme component.**

(e) The other farm heads are also directed to primarily concentrate on the production and distribution of quality declared planting materials. Necessary infrastructure improvement shall be undertaken and necessary provisions are given as per the relevant scheme components in the succeeding instructions.

(f) Pulses like Cowpea, Green gram, Black gram etc, Oilseeds like Sunflower, Mustard, Gingelly, Groundnut etc. and Millets like Ragi, Jowar (Manicholam), Bajra(Pearl millet), Sorghum etc are to be grown in the farms of all districts for seed purpose.

(g) The average yearly requirement of FSII paddy Seeds under RSGP programme for production of certified paddy seeds is only 250 Tons. The balance FSII paddy seeds are to be issued for seed purpose through LSGD schemes, or direct sale to farmers for seed purpose. Still, there may be balance seeds which are not required by KSSDA / farmers. In order to prevent loss to Government, such balance paddy seeds can be sold as unprocessed paddy, consumable cooking rice, value added

products etc. vide proceedings of the Principal Agricultural Officer based on the decision of the District level technical Committee. **Also, all these products are to be on- boarded in online platforms like Amazon, Flipkart etc.** This will boost the income of the farms and also provide quality, safe consumable products to the consumers.

(h) If the harvest of any crop cannot be fully distributed as seeds, they can be sold for consumption purpose / as value added products also vide proceedings of the Principal Agricultural Officer based on the decision of the District level technical Committee chaired by the PAO.

(i) The vegetable seeds produced in farms during 2025-26 are to be completely utilised as seeds for general sales through sales counters, online sales and for departmental and LSGD schemes. Vegetable seedlings are to be used for general sales and also for "Samagra Pachakkari Ulpadana Yajnam" 2025-26.

(j) An amount of Rs.850 lakhs can be utilized for expenses in connection with this component of the scheme which includes Committed expenditure . The committed expenditure of 2024-25 i.e. Rs.38.57 lakhs including Rs. 4.87791 lakhs which is the pending payment of transportation charges of planting materials during 2020-21 for PAO Idukki will be met from this component **(the allotment for PAO Idukki will be released only after obtaining proper Government sanctions).**

The funds shall be allotted for the following purposes as detailed below.

i. Purchase of inputs

Purchase of various inputs for production of planting materials, breeder seed procurement, scientific management of existing crops (except progeny orchards), purchase / installation of small machinery and irrigation units including micro irrigation systems,, repair & maintenance of electrical equipments, farm machinery, purchase of pumpsets, water tanks etc. can be met from this component.

ii. Development and maintenance of infrastructural facilities of farms.

Minor infrastructural works like establishment of tissue culture hardening units , rain shelters / shade houses, repair works of the production structures, limited enclosures, repair / installation of irrigation system and components including micro irrigation systems, inevitable electrification for the structures, construction of potting sheds, maintenance of hardening structures, establishment and maintenance of infrastructural facilities for pepper, land development works,

water conservation works etc. **not exceeding 10 lakhs will be permitted (priority will be given for special farms) .**

The farm heads shall submit the proposals incorporating the requirements under any or all these infrastructural components. These project proposals shall be scrutinized and necessary modifications may be made and approved by a Technical Committee at district level comprising of Principal Agricultural Officer (Chairman), Deputy Director (YP), Assistant Executive Engineer (Agri), and Farm Officers of the district.

iii. Transportation costs

All PAOs shall take immediate steps for arranging the transportation of planting materials for distribution observing the Store Purchase Rules. The cost related to the transportation of planting materials (**except coconut seedlings**) to the destination points from the farms and transportation and handling costs with respect to procurement of inputs shall be met from the financial outlay of this scheme component. The expenses shall be debited from the Head of Account 2401- 00-104-91 (P).

iv. Production of rooted pepper cuttings

For the production of planting materials like rooted pepper cuttings. mother vines of known varieties which are available at the farms shall be given preference. In the event of not getting sufficient quality mother vines, those shall be procured from the fields of master farmers who are maintaining pest and disease-free pepper gardens with good and consistent yields. Those farms are properly identified with the help of Agricultural officers of the locality. They are further inspected by a team comprising the head of the farm, Deputy Director of Agriculture (YP), Deputy Director (H) and a scientist from the Government Research & Development agency. The maximum rate for the procurement of such quality mother vines is fixed as Rs. 8.00 / m excluding the transportation cost and variety shall be tagged. Only known and high yielding varieties are to be procured for this purpose.

However, the aim is to gradually replace rooted pepper cuttings with single node pepper cuttings/grafted pepper vines and Tissue culture pepper seedlings in the coming years which are more in demand among farmers.

v. Wages for skill oriented works

There are skill-oriented works like layering, grafting and budding for the production of quality planting materials. In the case of shortage of skilled workers in the farm for these purposes, the works can be outsourced and shall be carried out at the following rates by engaging appropriate persons. The expenditure in this regard can also be met from this scheme component.

- i. For air layers, for every successful plant an amount of Rs. 5.00 per plant can be given as labour cost.
- ii. For undertaking budding work, Rs. 7.50 per plant (Rs. 5.00 as cost of labour and Rs. 2.50 as cost of bud if it is sourced from outside) and an additional amount of Rs. 7.50 for every successful budded plant.
- iii. For undertaking grafting except approach grafting, Rs. 10.00 per plant (Rs. 5.00 as cost of labour and Rs. 5.00 as cost of scion if it is sourced from outside) and an additional amount of Rs. 10.00 for every successful grafted plant.
- iv. For approach grafting - Rs. 7.00 per plant as labour cost and an additional amount of Rs. 8.00 for every successful grafted plant.
- v. The person engaged shall also be responsible for the maintenance of the planting material with the help of the labour force available at the farm up to a maximum of 45 days from the date of layering/grafting/budding till it become successful.
- vi. The materials needed for the planting material production as stated from i to iv are to be provided by the farm and expenditure in this regard can also be met from the scheme provision.

vi. Unskilled labour requirement

Time bound production and timely supply of planting materials are of utmost importance. The additional unskilled labour requirement shall be met by integrating MGNREGS programme wherever possible. Further, these inevitable works can be undertaken on work contract basis if there are no adequate permanent/casual labourers available. The works can be awarded to the contractor only on fulfilling the requirement of the Store Purchase Rules in force. The requirement shall be clearly indicated in the approved forecast.

If the labour force is found inadequate for inevitable nursery operations, the Krishikootams of the area shall be imparted training on different nursery aspects like preparation of growing media, filling of covers with growing medium for planting material production, weeding in the nursery area, necessary plant protection operations etc., with the help of the respective agricultural officers. These trained and registered groups can be engaged at a wage rate equivalent to that of MGNREGS.

vii. Establishment of demonstration units for improved technologies

Demonstration plots showcasing improved technologies will be established in departmental farms based on projects received from these farms. Any innovative technique able to enhance yield or productivity or able to contribute positively towards agricultural development may be selected for demonstration. The main objectives to establish model demonstration units for improved technologies in departmental farms are

- To demonstrate the efficacy of new technologies through these demonstrations.
- Effective agricultural technology transfer in line with the Extension principle "seeing is believing".
- To popularize novel and profitable farming techniques.

Selection of improved technology will be based on the Working Instructions issued for the same during 2024-25 vide reference (2) cited. Assistance will be provided @Rs.1.00 lakh per DAF, Rs.1.50 lakh per special farm and Rs.0.50 lakh for state seed farms and coconut nurseries for a minimum area of 25 cents per farm .

Demonstration plots on Natural Farming should be compulsorily done in all farms in a minimum area of 2 hectares.

viii. Assistance to special farms

The entire fund requirement of special farms mentioned in the approved forecast of expenditure shall be met from departmental sources including fund for meeting other contingencies and unforeseen expenses in connection with special farms including fuel charges of farm vehicles, electricity charges , purchase and repair of computer and accessories etc.

ix. Assistance for conducting Farm Fests , training to Farm officers & labourers

All farms shall conduct Farm Fests every year for a minimum of 3-5 days. Number of days can vary depending on local needs of farms. Transferred farms shall

conduct farm fests in collaboration with the Jilla panchayaths. For Special farms, assistance for conducting Farm Fests will be provided from this scheme component. Farm heads shall submit a detailed proposal for conducting Farm Fests to the Principal Agricultural Officer . The PAO shall approve the proposal and assistance will be provided to farms based on the approved proposal from PAO. Assistance to transferred farms will be provided depending on availability of funds.

Assistance will be given to farms for conducting training programmes for labourers for activities like planting material production (budding , grafting layering), modern agricultural practices, handling of farm machinery etc. **All PAOs shall forward the proposal for training to labourers along with the schedule before August 2025.** Training programmes to farm officers will be organised at Directorate level.

x. Fund to meet head quarter expenses

For proper monitoring of the scheme, regular meetings and farm inspections are to be carried out. An amount of Rs 5.00 lakh can be used for the operational expenses in connection with conduct of offline review meetings, farm visits, training to farm officers, purchase and maintenance of computers, accessories, office materials/ equipments etc , emergency purchase or maintenance related to department vehicles at HQ etc. The fund is placed at the disposal of Directorate.

2. Maintenance of existing progeny orchards and establishment of new progeny orchards (Rs. 50 lakhs)

(a) Apart from the routine scientific management practices on INM and IPM, special horticultural practices to be followed in the progeny orchards are supported in this scheme component. The activities include cutting and removal of old, senile mother plants, gap filling, regular pruning and training activities, rejuvenation activities, top working, training the plant to give more scions and bud wood, special horticultural practices like nipping, thinning, fruit shedding etc., shall also be followed. Expenses in connection with these can be met from this financial outlay.

(b) Regular removal of plant parasites like Loranthus, Cuscuta etc., shall be carried out. The mother plants at the progeny orchard shall be tagged properly and kept in good health and vigour following all the scientific practices. Expenses in this connection can be met from this outlay of funds.

(c) It must be followed in all the farms where rooted pepper cuttings are

produced, that rapid multiplication units / serpentine layering units be installed by procuring suitable new varieties from the research institutes. The cost of planting materials and other inputs can be met from this component of the scheme, however, the necessary infrastructure facilities shall be met from the following appropriate scheme components.

(d) New accessions of ornamental plants, new varieties of fruit plants including exotic fruits and economic tree species can be procured by utilizing this scheme provision. Seedlings of new coconut varieties can also be procured using this outlay of funds from SAUs and Research Stations

(e) If the particular varieties/types/cultivar of mother plants are not available from the Government sources, they can be procured from approved licensed agencies following store purchase rules after getting sanction from the concerned PAO by indicating the necessity and proper justification.

(f) The costs of the new mother plants, other necessary inputs, planting, installing proper irrigation, plant protective structures and their installation, varietal tags in metal stands etc., can be met from this scheme component.

(g) All progeny orchards shall be properly laid out and the layout plan shall be attached in the concerned register (Progeny Orchard register) kept for the purpose. Cultural operations carried out shall also be indicated in the progeny orchard register. A metal board of size 3 x 2 ft shall also be placed indicating the crop varieties and year of establishment. Necessary entries shall also be carried out in the tree register if the plants are of tree type.

(h) The new progeny orchards shall be in units of size 25 cents. A maximum amount of Rs. 0.50 lakh can be utilised for their establishment @ Rs.5 lakhs/ ha. A minimum of 60 such units shall be established during the current financial year. The district wise targets are appended as **annexure III**. The rest of the amount under this scheme component shall be used for maintaining the existing progenies @ Rs.2 lakhs/ha.

An amount of Rs.50.00 lakh is sanctioned for this scheme component under the Head of account 2401-00-104-91 (P) .

3. Support to Integrated Farming System units operated in departmental farms (Rs. 50 lakhs)

Every IFS unit of the farms are to be made perfect by making a proper resource base analysis of the system.

Operational support for IFS units, establishment of new IFS units, establishment of new enterprises in the existing IFS units, strengthening intensification of the existing enterprises, establishing new components for assuring the bio-recycling process etc., are allowed. Maximum effort shall be taken to include new varieties, breeds and technologies in the IFS system. Cost for implementing them can also be met from this outlay. Funds shall be allotted to farms only on actual and need based manner. However, no deviation from the main mandates of the farms is allowed.

The total funds sanctioned for this scheme component is Rs 50.00 lakh.

4. Support for the high-tech farming units, fruit processing units & tissue culture units (Rs. 150 lakhs)

(a) It was observed that some of the farms and planting material production units are functioning without proper staff support for execution and monitoring. **Suitable man power support except labor component is covered under this scheme component.** The maximum total amount sanctioned for this component under the scheme is Rs.150.00 lakh. Transferred farms may meet the maximum expenditure from Jilla panchayath funds.

(b) The following rate of wages/honorarium shall be applicable.

- i. Rs. 44,020 per month as honorarium for BSc. (Ag) graduates as Technical Officers
- ii. Rs. 22,290 per month as honorarium for VHSE (Agri) /Diploma holders in Agriculture as supporting technical staff., and
- iii. Tissue culture technicians with minimum 'Plus Two' qualifications or equivalent having sufficient experience in Tissue Culture operations can be engaged in Tissue Culture labs of farms and BMFC on daily wage basis at a maximum rate of Rs. 735/day.

(c) All farms with high tech farming units, fruit processing units, value addition units and tissue culture units shall forward suitable proposals recommended PAOs for engaging staff as per 4 (b) immediately to the undersigned and on receiving the sanction, necessary formalities shall be fulfilled at the District level for engaging these persons on contract basis.

(d) For engaging Tissue culture technicians for increasing the production output, the heads of the Tissue Culture labs shall take immediate steps to engage them purely on work contract basis (refer instruction 4 (b) iii). A suitable committee with PAO, DD(YP), Farm Head and a technical expert from any governmental organisation is to be constituted for selecting the qualified technicians at PAO level and the list of selected technicians shall be forwarded to the undersigned for approval.

(e) Inevitable man power support shall be allowed under this scheme component and also shall be used for the purchase of inputs, purchase / repair of machineries and other inevitable expenses related to the smooth functioning of the High Tech units, Processing Units and Tissue culture labs. The amount required for Employee provident Fund (EPF) contribution from the part of Government for the contract staff (engaged for high-tech farming units, fruit processing units & tissue culture units) can also be met from this scheme component.

The total funds sanctioned for this scheme component is Rs. 150.00 lakh

5. Carbon neutral initiatives in departmental farms (Rs. 25 lakhs)

Carbon-neutral farming is all about practicing a scientifically proven methodology that arrests carbon emissions without affecting agricultural output. Proper farm management techniques can result in healthy crop yields, without endangering the planet. This component of the scheme is to support various approaches from multiple standpoints that can result in a climate- friendly crop occupation which would in turn serve as a demonstration unit for the public, students, researchers, extension officials and farmers for following them up. Hence, carbon neutral initiatives shall be taken up in the farms which would serve as demonstration interventions.

Apart from SSF Aluva, 13 more farms were selected for carbon neutral assessment during 2023-24 namely DAF Peringammala, DAF Anchal, SCSF Pandalam, DAF Mavelikkara, DAF Kozha, SSF Karimannoor, SSF Okkal, SSF Kodasseri, DAF Chungathara, HDF Malampuzha DAF Koothali, DAF

Thaliparamba and CPO Adhur. Three government agencies were selected for assessing carbon footprint of the selected farms like IFSRS, Karamana, CWRDM Kozhikode and CCC&ES Thrissur. The validation process of carbon neutral assessment in the above farms will be completed by August 2025.

During 2024-25, Carbon neutral activities were also started in two more farms including DAF Neriamangalam and Orange and Vegetable Farm, Nelliampathy which will be continued in 2025-26.

An amount of Rs. 25 lakhs is sanctioned under this scheme component. This is inclusive of the amount of Rs. 22.58 lakhs required for meeting the committed expenses incurred under the component during 2024-25.

6. Online sale of branded products from departmental farms (Rs50 lakhs)

All the farm heads shall take earnest steps to upload at least 5 new products from the farm on leading online platforms like Amazon and Flipkart under the brand "**Keralagro**" so as to get a wider reach for the products. The amount earmarked for this component will be utilized for the following purposes.

- a. Expenses related to onboarding activities of farms
- b. Establishment of new pack houses
- c. Purchase of machinery for packing centres
- d. Other miscellaneous expenses related to online sale of branded farm products.

The project proposals for Establishment of new pack houses shall be scrutinized and approved by a Technical Committee at district level.

2. General instructions.

(a) Forecast of the farms are to be approved at the district level by the Principal Agricultural Officers and the approved ones are treated as Technical Sanctions for the agricultural activities. The forecast may be revised as and when required, if necessary to include any additional activities for which funds are released.

(b) Store Purchase Rules are to be strictly followed wherever applicable.

(c) The district level technical committee comprising of Principal Agricultural Officer (Chairman), Deputy Director (YP), Assistant Executive Engineer (Agri), and Farm Officers of the district can approve the projects up to Rs.10.00 lakh only. Project proposals above Rs. 10.00 lakh shall be vetted and approved by a State-level Technical Committee with Director of Agriculture as Chairperson, Additional Director of Agriculture (Farms) as convenor, Additional Director of Agriculture

(CP), State Agricultural Engineer, and Joint Director of Agriculture (Farms) at HQ as members. Fund will be allotted to the districts as per their request on a first-come first-served basis.

(d) All registers and documents shall be kept up to date.

(e) All DDAs in charge of the farms shall conduct inspections at least once in a month in all the farms under their jurisdictions. All PAOs shall inspect them at least once in two months and the detailed inspection report shall be submitted to the undersigned before 10th of every month. Senior officers of the Directorate shall conduct random inspections of the farms during the year.

ANNEXURE I

Physical Targets of Planting Materials.

SL. NO.	District	Paddy Seed(T)	Vegetable Seed(T)	Vegetable seedlings (lakhs)	Rooted Pepper cuttings (lakhs)	Pulses(T)	Oil Seeds (T)	Millets (T)	Tubers (T)
1	TVM	25	2.5	4.2	2	0.5	0.5	0.5	2
2	KLM	30	2.5	4.2	2	0.5	0.5	0.5	2
3	PTA	20	1.0	1.5	1.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1
4	ALP	65	2.5	4.2	1.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	4
5	KTM	45	2.5	4.2	2	0.5	0.5	0.5	2
6	IDKI	15	2.5	4.2	4	0.5	0.5	0.5	2
7	EKM	45	2.5	4.2	2	0.5	0.5	0.5	5

8	TSR	100	2.5	4.2	2	0.5	0.5	0.5	4.5
9	PKD	165	3.0	5.0	3	0.5	0.5	0.5	5
10	MLP	80	2.5	4.2	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	4.5
11	KKD	45	2.0	3.3	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	2
12	WND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
13	KNR	35	2.0	3.3	2	0.5	0.5	0.5	3
14	KSD	30	2.0	3.3	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	2
	TOTAL	700	30	50	25	6.5	6.5	6.5	40

The farms should produce and distribute quality planting materials of various crops including vegetable seedlings as per requirements under department schemes, SHM schemes, LSGD schemes and ensure maximum profit to the farm. Targets for TC plants hardening will be issued in the working instructions of the scheme for Development of fruits.

ANNEXURE II**Financial targets for “Production of planting materials and seeds”**

Sl.no.	District	Committed expenditure (in lakhs)	Fund allotment for 2025-26 (in lakhs)	TA for 2025-26 (in lakhs)	POL for 2025-26 (in lakhs)	Total fund allotted (in lakhs)
1.	TVM	-	46	0.4	0.35	46.75
2.	KLM	-	42	0.4	0.35	42.75
3.	PTA	4.54	25	0.3	0.3	30.14
4.	ALPY	2.5	70	0.4	0.5	73.4
5.	KTM	-	37	0.3	0.3	37.6
6.	IDKI	4.88	64	0.6	0.50	69.98
7.	EKM	-	36	0.6	0.35	36.95
8.	TSR	1.0	54	0.7	0.6	56.3
9.	PLKD	22.1	200	0.75	1.0	223.85
10.	MLPM	3.2	110	0.7	0.8	114.7
11.	KKD	0.35	29	0.3	0.2	29.85
12.	WYND	-	7.43	0.25	0.05	7.73
13.	KNR	-	35	0.5	0.25	35.75
14.	KSGD	-	38	0.6	0.25	38.85
15.	HQ Expenses	-	5.0	0.2	0.2	5.4
	TOTAL	38.57	798.43	7.0	6.0	850

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ANNEXURE III**Targets for Progeny Orchards**

Sl.no.	District	Existing Progeny Orchards Target for 2025-26	New Progeny Orchards Target for 2025-26	Total fund allotment (in lakhs)
1.	TVM	1.34	2	3.34
2.	KLM	1.65875	2.5	4.15875
3.	PTA	1.5	2	3.5
4.	ALPY	1	1.5	2.5
5.	KTM	1.34	2	3.34
6.	IDKI	1.65875	2.5	4.15875
7.	EKM	1.65875	2.5	4.15875
8.	TSR	1.845	3	4.845
9.	PLKD	2	3	5.0
10.	MLPM	1.65875	2.5	4.15875
11.	KKD	1	1.5	2.5
12.	WYND	1	1.5	2.5
13.	KNR	1	1.5	2.5
14.	KSGD	1.34	2	3.34
	TOTAL	20.0	30.0	50.0

ABSTRACT OF FUND ALLOTTED UNDER H/A 2401-00-104-91- PLAN

Sl.no	Component	Financial allocation (Rs lakhs)	Remarks
1	Routine planting material production & quality seed production including operational costs for Directorate	850	Fund to be allotted to PAOs (includes amount for planting material production, transportation costs, assistance to special farms, conducting training, farm fests, and Rs. 5.0 lakhs for HQ expenses.)
2.	Maintenance of existing progeny orchards and establishment of new progeny orchards	50	Fund to be allotted to PAOs
3.	Support to Integrated Farming System units in Departmental farms	50	Fund to be allotted to PAOs
4.	Support for high tech farming units, fruit processing units & Tissue culture units	150	Fund kept at HQ, to be released vide proposals of farmheads / BMFC

			submitted to DA through PAOs
5.	Carbon neutral initiatives in Departmental farms	25	Fund kept at HQ, to be released as per requirement to PAOs.
6.	Online sale of branded products from Departmental farms	50	Fund kept at HQ, to be released as per requirement to PAOs And also vide proposals of PAOs to D A
	TOTAL	1175	

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