

Minutes of the meeting held on 21.09.2018 for finalization of the 'Guidelines for selection of FPOs for LODP – direct implementation in Kerala'

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Shri. Saradindu Das, Chief Coconut Development Officer, Coconut Development Board (CDB) at the Board room of Kera bhavan, Kochi at 12.00 Noon on 21.09.2018 for finalization of the guidelines for selection of FPOs for Laying out of Demonstration Plots (LODP)-direct implementation in Kerala. Shri. R Madhu , Secretary, CDB, Shri,R.Jnanadevan, Deputy Director(Dev) and Charge Officers of LODP for various districts attended the meeting.

Background

A proposal was submitted by Assistant Director (Marketing) for selection of CPSs for direct implementation of LDOP -1st year programme in 1400 ha area in Kerala during 2018-19. It was decided that *a concrete guideline for selection of CPSs for implementation of LODP scheme in Kerala should be prepared with no duplication of activities of CDB direct implementation or State Government implementation. If required suitability of implementation of the scheme can be ascertained by Coconut Development Board officials through filed inspection. The guidelines shall be placed before the next Board meeting for a decision.* Accordingly a draft guideline was prepared. Hence the present meeting was held to discuss and finalize the guidelines before placing to Chairman as well as to the Board. Copy of the guideline is enclosed.

The following are the decisions of the meeting:

1. As per the guideline there are only three activities in the 3rd criteria under 'Minimum Eligibility' for a CPF to get selection for the scheme. It was decided that other activities taken up by them such as aggregation of produce etc with proper records if available may also be considered. Few more criteria such as seniority of first registration with Board, predominance of coconut in the area (so that rubber area etc. get less preference), conduct of regular meetings etc., may also be used at further short listing stages on need basis.
2. As per criteria 4 & 5, CPSs who have received inputs under LODP or Replanting and Rejuvenation (R&R) scheme during last five years can be excluded. For ensuring non-receipt of inputs under similar schemes of State Government during last five years and for ensuring non coverage of R&R scheme in the operational area of CPS, a self certificate from the CPS countersigned by the CPF in this regard may be insisted.
3. It was discussed that the allocation for LODP –Direct Implementation in Kerala during 2018-19 is 1400 ha only at Rs.201 lakh. Out of this, about 500 ha (Rs. 87.00 lakhs) is for SCSP category and 652 ha (Rs.114.00 lakhs) is for General category. As per previous year implementation in 8 districts, out of 2951.72 ha area only 0.27 % and 0.12 % respectively were under SCSP & TSP due to shortage of SC/ST farmers in the selected CPSs. Hence it

was decided that Marketing section may identify CPF/CPSs having SCSP population if any in Attapady area of Palakkad District for implementation of SCSP component. TSP farmers available in these CPF/CPSs could also be considered from the savings anticipated in other states/schemes.

4. Assistant Director (Marketing) informed that as per the first criteria for 'Minimum Eligibility' in the Guideline, as on 31st July 2018 there were 129 live CPFs (criteria 1), out of this 57 CPFs were found active and these are having 770 member CPSs (criteria 2& 3). Among these, 182 CPSs in 30 CPFs have not been benefitted under similar schemes (LODP & RR) of CDB during last 5 years (criteria 4 in the case of CDB direct implementation schemes). Hence Marketing section may do the scoring of these selected CPFs based on the activities undertaken and the score sheet of selected CPFs along with list of eligible member CPSs as per the Guidelines may be provided for further field inspection.
5. Charge Officers may conduct field inspection in CPFs for providing remarks on activities undertaken by CPFs and also field inspection in CPSs for scoring suitability of implementation based on criteria fixed.
6. In districts where more number of CPSs is there for inspection, services of officers other than respective Charge Officers such as Shri. Selvakumar, Development Officer and Technical Officers (contract) can also be utilized on need basis for completion of field inspection in time.

The meeting concluded at 1 pm.



Chief Coconut Development Officer

List of Participants

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- 1 Shri Saradindu Das, Chief Coconut Development Officer
- 2 Shri. R Madhu, Secretary
- 3 Shri.R. Jnanadevan Deputy Director (Dev) II
- 4 Shri K.S. Sebastian, Assistant Director (Marketing)
- 5 Shri Vasanthakumar V.C, Statistical Officer
- 6 Shri. K K Subhash, Assistant Library and Information Officer
- 7 Smt. Jayashree A, Development Officer
- 8 Smt. Leenamol MA, Market Promotion Officer
- 9 Shri Kumaravel S, Development Officer
- 10 Smt Vincy Varghese, Technical Officer
- 11 Smt. Preetha Kumari P.V, Statistical Investigator