

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
ABSTRACT**

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Continuation of Rythu Bandhu Scheme for the year 2020-21 - Guidelines for Implementation of Agriculture Investment Support Scheme ("Rythu Bandhu") in Telangana State – Orders - Issued.

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**AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (AGRI.II) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Rt.No. 265**

**Dated: 16-06-2020**

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Rt.No.231, A&C (Agri.II) Dept., Dt: 04/04/2018.
2. G.O.Rt.No.277, A&C (Agri.II) Dept., Dt: 21/04/2018.
3. G.O.Rt.No.280, A&C (Agri.II) Dept., Dt:23/04/2018.
4. G.O.Rt.No.202, A&C (Agri.II) Dept., Dt:01/06/2019.
5. G.O. Rt. No.457 , A&C (Agri.II) Dept., Dt:28/10/2019.
6. From the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture Lr. No.AISS(2) 230/2020, Dt:24/04/2020 & 15/05/2020.

**ORDER:**

Government, in the references 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> read above, have issued orders for implementation of Agriculture Investment Support Scheme ("Rythu Bandhu") for the year 2018-19 and 2019-20, with the objective of relieving the farmers from debt burden and not allowing them to fall in the debt trap. This scheme was proposed for providing Initial investment support to Agriculture and Horticulture crops by way of a grant @ Rs 4000/acre/season during 2018-19 and Rs. 5000/- per acre /season during 2019-20 towards purchase of inputs like **(1)** Seeds, **(2)** Fertilizers, **(3)** Pesticides, **(4)** towards Labor and other investments in the field operations of farmers' choice for the crop season.

2. The scheme was implemented during 2018-19 & 2019 -20 duly extending assistance to Pattadars & RoFR (Recognition of Forest Rights) Patta holders in Agency areas.

3. The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture in the reference 6<sup>th</sup> read above has submitted detailed proposal for continuation of Agriculture Investment Support Scheme ("Rythu Bandhu") during the year 2020-21.

4. Government after careful examination of the matter hereby agreed for continuation of the scheme during the year 2020-21 and approved the following guidelines proposed by the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture for implementation of the Rythu Bandhu Scheme for the year 2020-21 for Vanakalam and Yasangi.

- 1) The pattadars as per the digitally signed data obtained from Chief Commissioner of Land Administration (CCLA) in the Month of January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020 (Prior to submitting the Budget proposal)
- 2) Recognition of Forest Rights (RoFR) Patta Holders as per the data shared by the Tribal Welfare Commissioner and
- 3) 621 (Pattadars and enjoyers) in the land of Kasulapally Hamlet of Palitham village of Peddapalli Mandal endowment land belonging to Sri.RanganayakaSwamy Temple considering their long term enjoyment of the lands similar to ROFR lands as a special case as indicated in G.O.Rt.No.457 Agriculture and Cooperation(Agri-II) Department to the extent of data furnished by District Collector Peddapalli.
- 4) Data to be obtained from Chief Commissioner of Land Administration (CCLA) only once for the financial year and to be frozen for that year.

- 5) Data will be taken again prior to the season only to set aside sold out/Mutation cases and extents to ensure that assistance is not extended to sold out/mutated land.
- 6) Only pattadar exclusions can happen and no provision for inclusions for the financial year.
- 7) Fresh pattadars will be considered from next financial year.
- 8) The total extent owned by the individual farmer across the state will be ascertained / pooled by aadhar deduplication to ensure that farmers owning lesser extents in total shall get assistance on priority.
- 9) Assistance to be extended by transferring the amounts directly into farmer's accounts through e-Kuber – platform by presenting bills to Rangareddy District Treasury Officer as done during previous three seasons.
- 10) Bills will be submitted in ascending order to treasury from Lower acreage to higher acreage owning farmers in case funds will be released in phases by the finance department.
- 11) The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture is authorized to issue sanction for drawl of funds from the District Treasury Office, Ranga Reddy District with respect to Rythu Bandhu funds and the Drawing & Disbursing Officer nominated from the accounts section of Commissioner & Director of Agriculture shall present the bills on his behalf in the District Treasury Office, Ranga Reddy District.
- 12) **"Give it up"** pattadar who intend to give up the assistance shall fill in the "Give it up" form and handover the same to the Agricultural Extension Officer /Mandal Agricultural Officer who in turn will indicate "Give it up" against the Pattadar Pass Book in the portal. In all such cases amounts will be summed up and transferred to Telangana Rythu Bandhu Samithi (TRBS) by the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture. Wide publicity shall be given at field level with respect to "Give it up" option to create awareness among the pattadars.
- 13) **Constitution of State Level Monitoring Committee:**
  - The scheme is a top priority scheme to be implemented involving various departments and stake holders. Therefore a State Level Monitoring Committee with the following members is constituted:
    1. APC & Secretary (A&C Dept.) - Chairman
    2. Commissioner & Director of Agriculture - Convener
    3. Special Secretary (Finance Dept.) - Member
    4. Convener, SLBC - Member
    5. State Information Officer, NIC - Member
- 14) The committee will meet periodically to review and monitor the implementation of the scheme in each season.
- 15) **District Level Implementation:**
  - Scheme will be implemented by the District Agricultural Officers under the leadership and supervision of District Collectors concerned. The overall responsibility of implementing the scheme in the districts in a smooth and successful manner by utilizing all the resources and machinery available at their command rests with the District Collector concerned.

**16) Scope of Audit:**

- After the completion of transfer of amounts through e-Kuber, to ensure accuracy of the disbursement to the farmers, Audit has to be conducted.
- The Audit teams will verify the relevant records.
- Audit will be taken up in accordance with the usual procedure prescribed by Reserve Bank of India / National Bank for Agriculture And Rural Development / Comptroller & Auditor General.
- The audit may be conducted by concurrent auditors, statutory auditors or special auditors or Comptroller & Auditor General.

**17) Monitoring and Grievance Redressal Mechanism:**

- There will also be a suitable monitoring and grievance redressal mechanism established by the District Collectors at Mandal, Assistant Director of Agriculture Division and District level and similarly by the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture at State level and every representation has to be disposed within (30) days, duly examining the case in consultation with the Revenue Department under the guidance of District Collector.

6. The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O. No. 1515/PFS/2020, Dt:16-05-2020.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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To

The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad

The Director of Horticulture & Sericulture, Hyderabad

The State Information Officer, NIC, Hyderabad

All Collectors/JCs/DAOs/DH&SOs

The District Treasury Office, Ranga Reddy District.

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The Spl. Chief Secretary (Revenue Dept.)

The Director, Office of the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Hyderabad

The Convener, SLBC, The President, SLBC and all Nodal Banks in the State

The Director of Treasuries, Hyderabad

The P.S. to Chairman "Telangana Rashtra Rythu Samanvaya Samithi", Hyderabad.

The P.S. to Minister (Finance)

The P.S. to Minister (A&C)

The P.S. to Chief Secretary

The P.S. to Principal Secretary (Finance)

The P.S. to Secretary to Chief Minister

The P.S. to Principal Secretary to Chief Minister

The P.S. to APC & Principal Secretary, Agriculture & Cooperation Dept.

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