

SCHEMES FOR PRODUCTION DEVELOPMENT & POST HARVEST IMPROVEMENT AT A GLANCE

I. Scheme for “Special Purpose Fund for Replantation & Rejuvenation of Cardamom Plantations (Small & Large)”

Sl. No	Programme	Activity Component	Eligibility Criteria	Scale of Assistance
1.	Replantation - Cardamom Small	Replanting of unhealthy/senile small cardamom plantations with high yielding and disease free planting materials.	Kerala & Tamil Nadu	Rs.34,816/- (Rs.17,780/- 1 st and Rs.17,036/- 2 nd installment)
			Up to 4 ha.	
			Above 4 ha to 8 ha	Rs.26,375/- (Rs.13,470/- 1 st and Rs.12,905/- 2 nd installment)
			Karnataka	
			Up to 4 ha	Rs.26,919/- (Rs.14,950/- 1 st and Rs.11,969/- 2 nd installment)
			Above 4 ha to 8 ha.	Rs.20,416/- (Rs.11,350/- 1 st and Rs.9066/- 2 nd installment)
2.	Replantation - Cardamom Large in the State of Sikkim & Darjeeling Dist. of West Bengal	Replanting of unhealthy/senile large cardamom plantations with high yielding and disease free planting materials.	Up to 4 ha.	Rs.12,500/- (Rs.5900/- 1 st and Rs.6600/- 2 nd installment)
			4 ha to 8 ha	Rs.9500/- (Rs.4500/- 1 st & Rs.5000/- 2 nd installment)
3.	Rejuvenation - Kerala & Tamil Nadu	Adoption of Good Agricultural Practices	Up to 4 ha.	Rs.13,300/- in a single installment.
4.	Rejuvenation - Sikkim & Darjeeling	Adoption of Good Agricultural Practices	Up to 4 ha.	Rs.5808/- in a single installment
5.	Planting Material Production	Production of planting material through certified nurseries opened in growers' field.	Kerala & Tamil Nadu	Rs.1.75/- per sucker
			Karnataka	Rs.1.25/- per sucker/bed/Polybag seedling
			Sikkim & Darjeeling	Rs.1.15/- per sucker

II. Scheme for “Export Oriented Production & Post Harvest Improvement of Spices”

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A.	Small Cardamom			
1.	Irrigation & Land Development (Kerala-Tamil Nadu Region). (Full amount of subsidy will be paid by Spices Board in K&T Region)	Construction of irrigation devices	Up to 4 ha.	50% of the actual cost or Rs.16,000/- whichever is less.
			4 to 8 ha.	25% of the actual cost or Rs.16,000/- whichever is less.
		IP Sets	Up to 8 ha.	25% of the actual cost or Rs.5000/- whichever is less.
		Sprinkler	Up to 8 ha	25% of the actual cost or Rs.21,175/- whichever is less.
		Gravity Irrigation with tanks	Up to 8 ha	25% of the actual cost or Rs.1250/- whichever is less.
		Gravity Irrigation with hose pipes alone	Up to 8 ha	25% of the actual cost or Rs.1250/- whichever is less.
		Soil Conservation (5 - 15% slope)	Up to 8 ha	25% of the actual cost or Rs.7500/- per ha. whichever is less.
	Irrigation & Land Development (Karnataka Region) (Will be implemented jointly by Spices Board and WGDP of Karnataka sharing the cost as in X Plan)	Construction of Irrigation Devices	Up to 4 ha	50% of the actual cost or Rs.12,500/- whichever is less.
		IP Sets	Up to 4 ha.	50% of the actual cost or Rs.10,000/- whichever is less.
		Sprinkler	Up to 4 ha	25% of the actual cost or Rs.21,175/- whichever is less.
		Gravity Irrigation tanks with control valve	Up to 4 ha	50% of the actual cost or Rs.2500/- whichever is less.
		Gravity Irrigation with hose pipes alone	Up to 4 ha	50% of the actual cost or Rs.2500/- whichever is less.
		Soil Conservation (5 - 15% slope)	Up to 8 ha	31% of the actual cost or Rs.3125/- per ha. whichever is less.

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2.	Rainwater Harvesting	Construction of rainwater harvesting devices	Up to 8 ha.	33.33% of the actual cost or Rs.8000/- whichever is less per 200 cu.mtr capacity device (Rs.16,000/- for excavation work and Rs.8000/- for silpaulin sheets – Total cost Rs.24,000/-)
3.	Improved Cardamom Curing Devices	Installation of Improved Cardamom Curing Devices which use LPG/ diesel/ biomass and firewood as alternate source of fuel	Up to 8 ha.	33.33% of the actual cost of the device or Rs.60,000/- per device whichever is less.
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B	Large Cardamom - Sikkim			
1.	Curing Houses	Construction of Modified Bhatties	Up to 4 ha.	Rs.5000/- for 200 kgs capacity and Rs.9000/- for 400 kgs capacity towards 33.33% and 36% of the cost whichever is less respectively.
2.	Rainwater Harvesting	Construction of rainwater harvesting devices	Up to 8 ha.	33.33% of the actual cost or Rs.8000/- whichever is less per 200 cu.mtr capacity device (Rs.16,000/- for excavation work and Rs.8000/- for silpaulin sheets – Total cost Rs.24,000/-)

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C	Other North Eastern States			
1.	Large Cardamom - New Planting	Planting material production & New Planting	Up to 8 ha.	Subsidy Rs.17,500/- per ha towards 62.5% of the cost of planting material and maintenance during gestation period disburseable in two annual installments of Rs.15,000/- and Rs.2,500/- respectively. Cost of planting material @ Rs.12,000/- per ha will be adjusted in the 1 st installment. Participating NGOs will be provided retention fee of Rs.500/- per ha. and Rs.300/- per ha will be provided for meeting certification cost. Retention fee and cost of certification will be adjusted in the subsidy to be paid and the balance amount only will be paid to the growers as subsidy.
2.	Rainwater Harvesting	Construction of rainwater harvesting devices	Up to 8 ha.	33.33% of the actual cost or Rs.8000/- whichever is less per 200 cu.mtr capacity device (Rs.16,000/- for excavation work and Rs.8000/- for silpaulin sheets - Total cost Rs.24,000/-)

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3.	Curing Houses	Modified Bhatties	Up to 4 ha.	Rs.5000/- for 200 kgs capacity and Rs.9000/- for 400 kgs capacity towards 33.33% and 36% of the cost whichever is less respectively.
4.	Pepper Planting	Organic Production of Pepper	Up to 8 ha.	33% of the cost as subsidy subject to a maximum of Rs.15,000/- per ha in two annual installments of Rs.13,000/- and Rs.2,000/- respectively.
5.	Lakadong Turmeric	Organic cultivation of Lakadong Turmeric	Up to 8 ha.	50% of the cost of planting material will be provided as subsidy @ Rs.12,500/- per ha. Participating NGOs will be provided Rs.500/- per ha as retention fee and Rs.300/- towards certification cost and these amounts will be deducted from the subsidy and balance amount only will be paid to the growers.
6.	Ginger	Organic cultivation of Ginger	Up to 8 ha.	50% of the cost of planting material will be provided as subsidy @ Rs.12,500/- per ha. Participating NGOs will be provided Rs.500/- per ha as retention fee and Rs.300/- towards certification cost and these amounts will be deducted from the subsidy and balance amount only will be paid to the growers.

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7.	Training	a) Training of selected Officers (in alternate years)	Trainees will be nominated by the respective Agri/Horti Departments	Training will be conducted at IISR, ICRI, other research stations, spice plantations, NGOs, processing units in South India and Quality Evaluation Lab of Spices Board, Cochin by meeting the entire expenses for travel, TA/DA, accommodation, training expenses, local transport etc. by Spices Board.
		b) Training of selected farmers (every year)	Trainees will be selected by Spices Board	
D	Other Spices			
1.	Byadagi Chilli - Rainwater Harvesting	Construction of Rainwater harvesting Devices	Up to 8 ha.	33.33% of the actual cost or Rs.8000/- whichever is less per 200 cu.mtr capacity device (Rs.16,000/- for excavation work and Rs.8000/- for silpaulin sheets - Total cost Rs.24,000/-)
2.	Seed Spices - Threshers	a) Subsidised supply of Power Operated threshers	Up to 8 ha.	50% of the cost as subsidy subject to a maximum of Rs.50,000/- per thresher (cost estimated as Rs.1.00 lakh per thresher).
		b) Subsidised supply of manually operated threshers	Up to 8 ha.	50% of the cost as subsidy subject to a maximum of Rs.15,000/- per thresher (cost estimated as Rs.30,000/- per thresher).

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3.	Pepper	a) Supply of Pepper Threshers	Up to 8 ha.	Subsidy @ Rs.7000/- per thresher irrespective of the capacity of the equipment.
		b) Supply of Bamboo mats	Pepper growers having 51 to 100 Nos. of yielding pepper vines are eligible for one mat and having more than 101 vines are eligible for two mats once in three years.	Subsidy will be 90% of the cost to tribal growers and 50% to other category of growers. Board will arrange centralized purchase and distribution of bamboo mats.
4.	Chilli	a) Promotion of Integrated Pest Management in chilli (IPM)	Up to 8 ha. (in selected villages of Andhra Pradesh)	Subsidy will be 50% of the cost of IPM kits containing pheromone traps, bio-agents, neem pesticides, earthworms etc. for production of vermicompost subject to a maximum of Rs.1,500/- per ha. Rs.500/- per ha will be paid to participating NGOs as retention fee.
5.	Turmeric	a) Installation of Turmeric Boilers	Up to 8 ha.	Subsidy @ 50% of the cost or Rs.4,000/-. whichever is less (estimated cost of a drier is Rs.8,000/-)
		b) Installation of Turmeric Polishers	Up to 8 ha.	Subsidy @ 50% of the cost or Rs.16,000/-. whichever is less (estimated cost of a drier is Rs.32,000/-)

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6.	Mint	Installation of Improved Stainless Steel/ Stainless Steel lined field distillation units.	Up to 8 ha.	Subsidy @ Rs. 1.30 lakhs per unit or 32.50% of the actual cost whichever is less for a unit with capacity ranging from 2000 to 6000 litres.
E	Post Harvest Improvement of Spices			
1.	Drying Yard	Construction of drying yard to dry spices like chilli, ginger, turmeric, pepper, seed spices and tree spices under hygienic condition.	Up to 4 ha.	<p>Rate of subsidy – Rs.540/- , Rs.300/- and Rs. 150/- per sq.mtr. for Scheduled Tribe, Scheduled Caste and General Category towards 90%, 50% and 25% of the cost of construction respectively (cost per sq.mtr estimated is Rs.600/-).</p> <p>Individual growers will be provided subsidy for construction up to 150 sq.mtr.</p> <p>Community drying yards by NGOs/ Farmers' Groups (SHGs), Association of Farmers & Agri Market Committees will be given 50% of the cost of construction as subsidy and the maximum area of drying yard that is eligible by the group will be proportionate to the members thereof.</p>

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2.	Polythene/ Silpaulin Sheet	Subsidised supply of polythene/silpaulin sheets.	Up to 4 ha. (Up to 1 ha. two sheets & 1-4 ha three sheets)	50% subsidy to tribal growers and 33.33% to other growers. Board will arrange centralized purchase and distribution to growers.
3.	Moisture Meter for spices	Supply of moisture meters to detect moisture level of the final product at farm level.	Up to 8 ha.	Subsidy will be Rs.2500/- per device towards 32% of the cost (cost of a moisture meter is estimated as Rs.8000/-).
F	Organic Farming			
1.	Organic Certification	Assistance for Organic Certification of spice farms and processing units.	Possession of a valid confirmation or inconversion or organic certificate for individual/group, issued by an accredited inspection & certification agency under National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP).	Rs.75,000/- or 50% of the cost of certification whichever is less as subsidy to Group of farmers, NGOs and Farmers' Co-operative Societies/Associations Rs.25,000/- or 50% of the cost of certification whichever is less as subsidy to individual farmers and processors. (cost of maintaining internal control system in groups will be considered not exceeding the maximum limit of subsidy of Rs.75,000/- provided the cost involved for ICS is certified by a competent authority decided by the Board).

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2.	Bio-agent Units	<p>Assistance to NGOs for setting up of bio-agent production units.</p> <p>The unit will also serve as a training centre for personnel who are interested to start multiplication of bio-agents.</p>	<p>Selected NGOs are eligible. Land and building for setting up the units are to be provided by the NGO.</p>	<p>Board will support purchase of equipment & accessories and mother culture for setting up the unit at a maximum subsidy of Rs.1.30 lakhs per unit or 50% of the cost whichever is less.</p>
3.	Organic Cultivation of spices	Organic cultivation of spices	Up to 8 ha.	<p>Subsidy is Rs.5000/- per ha. out of which Rs.500/- per ha will be given to participating NGO as retention fee and Rs.250/- per ha will be for meeting certification cost which will be deducted while paying subsidy to farmers.</p> <p>Balance amount of Rs.4250/- will be paid to the growers in two installments of Rs.2250/- and Rs.2000/-.</p> <p>First installment of Rs.2250/- will be paid after sowing /planting. 2nd installment of Rs.2000/- will be paid after harvesting in the case of annuals and in the succeeding year in the case of perennials.</p>

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4.	Vermicompost Untis	Setting up of vermicompost units	Up to 8 ha. (Up to 4 ha. - two Nos. 4 to 8 ha. - three Nos. of one ton capacity per cycle)	Subsidy per unit will be Rs.2000/- or 33.33% of the cost whichever is less.
G	Extension Advisory Service	Extension visits, group meetings/ campaigns/ demonstrations/ personal contacts by Board's extension officers for extension work as well as implementation of developmental programmes of the Board.	All spice growers irrespective of size of the holdings.	Not Applicable
		Outsourcing of technical personnel for supporting the Board's regular officers in implementing the developmental programmes.	All spice growing areas where Board's presence is insufficient, irrespective of the size of the holding.	Temporary outsourcing of BSc. Agri/Horti. Graduates on contract/fixed/ term basis at a consolidated amount of Rs.8000/- per month and TA & DA admissible as per norms (if suitable hands not available, science graduates are proposed as alternative).