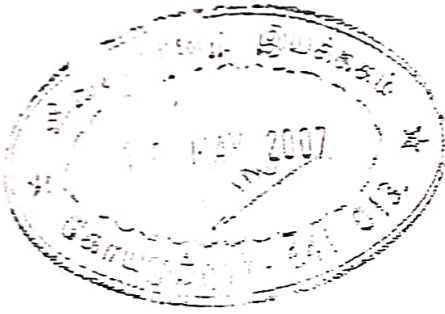


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Abstract

Organic Certification – Establishment of Department of Organic Certification in Tamil Nadu carving from the Department of Seed Certification – Orders- Issued.

AGRICULTURE (AP 2) DEPARTMENT.

G.O.(4D) No. 11

Dated : 17.5.2007.

Read:

1. From the Director of Seed Certification(i/c), Coimbatore, Letter No.C2/34733/2005, dt.23.2.06 & 7.4.06.
2. From the APEDA, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, New Delhi, Letter No.APEDA/DIR/3481, dated 17.5.2006.
3. From the Director of Seed Certification(i/c), Coimbatore Letter No.C2/34733/05, dated 15.6.2006.
4. From the APEDA, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, New Delhi Letter No.APEDA/DIR/TIDP/8361, dated 28.8.06.
5. From the Director of Seed Certification(i/c), Coimbatore, Letter No.C2/34733/05, dated 15.11.2006.

ORDER:

As the development of Organic Agriculture in India is receiving increasing attention among Farmers, Producers, Processors, Traders, Exporters and Consumers and our Agricultural Bio-diversity and Agro-climatic conditions are conducive to Organic Agriculture and thus offer tremendous scope for cultivation of a wide range of Organic products and India is the potential supplier of Organic Products to the International Market viz., Europe, USA and Japan, based on the suggestion given by the APEDA, the Director of Seed Certification (i/c),

Coimbatore has sent a proposal to Government to create an independent Organic Certification Directorate, by additionally designating the Director of Seed Certification as "Director of Organic Certification" and the Department of Seed Certification as "Department of Organic Certification" with the following additional staff in the first instance having Coimbatore as the Head Quarters of the Department of Organic Certification:-

- 1) Quality Manager (Organic Certification)
(in the cadre of D.D.) (at the Directorate) - 1 post.
- 2) Evaluator (Organic Certification)
(in the cadre of AD)
(at the Directorate) - 1 post
- 3) Organic Certification Inspectors
(in the cadre of Agri.Officers)
(at the Directorate) - 2 posts
- 4) Organic Certification Inspectors
(in the cadre of Agri.Officers)
(at Coimbatore, Trichy, Madurai &
Vellore) - 4 posts.
- 5) Assistant (Non-Security)
(at the Directorate) - 1 post
- 6) Typist
(at the Directorate) - 1 post
- 7) Driver
(at the Directorate) - 2 posts
- 8) Office Assistant
(at the Directorate) - 1 post

2 The Director of Seed Certification (i/c), Coimbatore has also proposed the following fee structure for Organic Certification:-

A. Fee Structure per farm unit of a farmer or group of farmers

| Item | Certification only on NPOP (In Rupees) | Certification on Foreign Standards (In Rupees) | Remarks |
|---|--|--|---|
| Registration Fee | 5000/- | 5000/- | Annual renewal fee 25% of the Registration fee. |
| Fee for Inspection and certification | 1000/day | 1200/day | For preparation, Inspection and certification work |
| Fee for travel time | 200/day | 200/day | ----- |
| Travel Expenses | Actual | Actual | For travel, food and accomodation when applicable. |
| Fee for scope certificate | 1000/- | 1500/- | The added value of widely recognised certificate. |
| Fee for Transaction Certificate, if required. | 500/- | 1000/- | ----- |
| Chemical analysis, if required. | Actual cost | Actual cost | Soil samples, water, leaf samples and product sample. |

B. Fee Structure per farm Unit of Corporate/Business Categories.

| Item | Certification only on NPOP (In Rupees) | Certification on Foreign Standards (In Rupees) | Remarks |
|---|--|--|---|
| Registration Fee | 25000/- | 25000/- | Annual renewal fee 25% of the registration fee. |
| Fee for Inspection and Certification | 2000/day | 2400/day | For preparation, inspection and certification work. |
| Fee for travel time | 400/day | 800/day | ---- |
| Travel Expenses | Actual | Actual | For travel, food and accommodation when applicable. |
| Fee for scope certificate | 2000/- | 2500/- | The added value of widely recognized certificate. |
| Fee for Transaction Certificate, if required. | 1000/- | 2000/- | ---- |
| Chemical analysis, if required | Actual cost | Actual cost | Soil samples, water, leaf samples and product sample. |

3. The Director of Seed Certification (i/c) has also requested the Government to sanction a sum of Rs.17.30 lakhs under Non-Recurring Expenditure head of a/c and a sum of Rs.28.46 lakhs under Recurring Expenditure head of account for establishment of the Department of Organic Certification in Tamil Nadu.

4. The Government after careful consideration, accept the proposals of the Director of Seed Certification (i/c), Coimbatore as detailed below:-

- i) the Director of Seed Certification be additionally designated as "Director of Organic Certification " and the Department of Seed

- Certification be additionally designated as "Department of Organic Certification";
- ii) the additional staff requested for the Department of Organic Certification as indicated in para 1 above be deployed from the Department of Agriculture;
 - iii) to implement the fee structure at para 2 above ;
 - iv) the Revenue Expenditure/Revenue Receipts be brought into separate head of accounts; and
 - v) the Head quarters of the Department of Organic certification shall be Coimbatore.

5. The Govt also sanction a sum of Rs.18.4296 lakhs p.a. under Recurring Head of Account and a sum of Rs.5.17 lakhs p.a. under Non-Recurring Head of Account for establishment of the Department of Organic Certification as detailed in the Annexure I to this order. The Government also direct the designated Director of Organic Certification that the Revenue Expenditure and Revenue Receipts be brought into separate head of accounts.

6 The Government direct the designated Director of Organic Certification, Coimbatore to purchase the computers and accessories for the Department of Organic Certification through the Commissioner of Agriculture under Agrisnet Scheme.

7. The Government also approve the LOGO in the Annexure-II to this order as the Logo of the Department of Organic Certification.

8. The Government also direct the designated Director of Organic Certification that the amount collected towards fee for Organic Certification be deposited into the following Receipt head of account and the expenditure incurred for the Department of Organic Certification be debited under the following new heads of account as detailed below:-

05. AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.
09. Directorate of Organic Certification.

a) Expenditure Head of Account:-

"2435 - Other Agricultural Programmes - 01. Marketing and Quality Control - 102. Grading and Quality Control Facilities - I. Non-Plan - AP - Organic Certification and Quality Control.(DPC 2435 01 102 AP 0004).

b) Receipt Head of Account:-

0435. Other Agricultural Programmes - 102. Fees For Quality Control Grading of Agricultural Products - AI - Organic Certification and Quality Control. (DPC 0435 00 102 AI 0007).

9. The Director of Organic Certification is the Estimating, reconciling and Controlling authority for the above New Sub- Head of Account.

10. The Pay and Accounts Officer/Treasury Officer concerned are directed to open the above new Head of Account in their accounts.

11. The expenditure sanctioned in para 5 above shall constitute an item of "New Service". The approval of the Legislature will be obtained in due course. Pending approval of Legislature the expenditure shall initially be met by an advance from the Contingency Fund of Tamil Nadu. The sanction of which will be made by Finance (B.G.) Department separately based on the application in the prescribed format from the Director of Seed Certification (i/c), Coimbatore along with a copy of this order. The designated Director of Organic Certification is also directed to send necessary proposals in time to Government in Finance (Agri.) Department to include this item of expenditure in the Final Supplementary Estimate 2007-08 without fail.

12. This order issued with the concurrence of Finance Dept. vide its L.O. No. 191/IS (BK)/07 dated 16.5.07, and A.S.L. No. 130 (One Hundred and Thirty).

/ BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR /

SURIT K CHAUDHARY
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION COMMISSIONER
AND SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

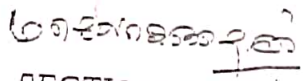
To
The Director of Seed Certification (i/c), Coimbatore-13.
The Commissioner of Agriculture, Chennai-5.
The Accountant General, Chennai -18.
The Accountant General, Chennai -18 (By name).

The Treasury Officer, Coimbatore.

Copy to:-

Finance (Agri/BG.I/B.G.II), Department, Chennai -9.

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ANNEXURE-I

| Detailed / Sub-detailed heads of account | DPC No. | Recurring (Rs.in thousands) | Non-Recurring (Rs.in thousands) | Total (Rs.in thousands) |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 01 Sal | 2435 01 102 AP 0106 | 101964 | 0 | 101964 |
| 03 DA | 2435 01 102 AP 0303 | 82086 | 0 | 82086 |
| 04 TA | 2435 01 102 AP 0418 | 60 | 0 | 60 |
| 05 OE | 2435 01 102 AP 052 | 70 | 0 | 70 |
| 05 Fur. | 2435 01 102 AP 0554 | 0 | 200 | 200 |
| 07 Pub. | 2435 01 102 AP 0705 | 20 | 0 | 20 |
| 08 A & P | 2435 01 102 AP 0803 | 10 | 0 | 10 |
| 47 S&E | 2435 01 102 AP 4703 | 10 | 317 | 327 |
| 49 FA(D) | 2435 01 102 AP 4903 | 13 | 0 | 13 |
| 49FA(CR) | 2435 01 102 AP 4909 | -13 | 0 | -13 |
| 59 P&A | 2435 01 102 AP 5908 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 71 P C | 2435 01 102 AP 7100 | 30 | 0 | 30 |
| 72 Trg. | 2435 01 102 AP 7208 | 40 | 0 | 40 |
| 73 T C | 2435 01 102 AP 7306 | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Total | | 184296 | 517 | 185233 |

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 AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION COMMISSIONER AND
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