

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Programmes of the Department

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Various Agriculture Loans: The Agriculture Department provide long term loan to the farmers of these Islands to undertake Soil Conservation work in their holdings. For obtaining the facility, the concerned farmer should fill-up the application form alongwith all records of the land where the Soil Conservation work has to be undertake to the Soil Conservation staff posted to various zones. After inspection of the land, the soil conservation staff posted in the area will prepare a scheme and send the same alongwith the application to the Directorate of Agriculture. After obtaining necessary approval from the Administration, the scheme is implemented in the field of the farmers. Before execution of the work, the farmer is required to execute a bond in the prescribed form to the effect that the actual cost will be incurred as per the direction of the Soil Conservation Officer. 50% of the loan provided is treated as subsidy at the end of 6th year, subject to regular payment of interest upto 5 years and taken up follow up programme on the land. In normal case, the scheme will be sanctioned will be sanctioned within 45 days. further details can be had from the zonal officers posted at different zones. The grievances related to the above can be submitted to the grievances officer, Directorate of Agriculture for settlement. The grievances left un settled, can be brought to the notice of the Director of Agriculture in writing. Or in person or over (phone No. 03192-233257) E.mail .amdan@and.nic.in

Subsidies provided by the Department
Subsidies on various Agriculture Inputs.

- The Department of Agriculture provide 20% cost subsidy to the farmers on all seeds and planting material imported from mainland.
- 15% cost subsidy is allowed to Nitrogenous and potassic fertilizer and 25% cost subsidy is provided on phosphatic and organic fertilisers.
- 100% transport subsidy is provided on all seeds, fertilizers, Barbed wire and tarpauline. While procuring these inputs from the sub-depots situated at different Islands, the farmers have to pay only the subsidized cost.
- 20% cost subsidy and 100% transport subsidy is provided to the cultivators on planting materials including medicinal plants. Seedling produced in the nurseries are distributed at concessional rate. Planting materials are distributed at door or through sub-depots and are also available at the departmental nurseries directly as per convenience of the farmers.

Subsidy to Planting Protection Chemicals and Planting Equipments

25% cost and 100% transport subsidy is provided on all Planting Protection Equipments and Chemicals. The farmers have to pay only the subsidized rate while procuring these inputs from the sub-depots. Any complaint in this regard may be made to the public grievances officer, Director of Agriculture, or the Director of Agriculture in writing or in person or over phone.

Farmers Training Programme etc.

Various training programme like one day camp, 2 day training camps, churcha mondals are organized by the department for the farmers. TA/DA will be borne by the department as per pattern of assistance provided in the scheme of the department. Selection will be done through the involvement of PRIs.

Subsidy on Purchase of Tractors and Power tillers .

For timely field operation of the farmers of these Islands, the department provide assistance to the farmers for purchase of tractor by their-own by availing subsidies from the department. 30% cost subsidy or Rs. 30,000/- whichever is less and 100% transport subsidy is provided by the department. In order to avail the facility, the progressive farmer is required to apply in a plain paper with details of land possessed by him alongwith the recommendation of the zonal officers to the Directorate of Agriculture, Port Blair. the application will be scrutinized at the Directorate level within 15 days. There is a state level committee constituted for selecting the farmers by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration. After selecting the farmers as beneficiaries by the state level committee, the cases of selected beneficiaries will be forwarded to the bank for sanction of loan component and to the Andaman and Nicobar Administration for sanction of subsidy portion.

After obtaining sanction from the Administration, the subsidy portion will be handed over to the bank within 5 days. Complaint/grievance if any in this regard can be lodged with the grievances officer in the Directorate of Agriculture by writing or personally or over phone.

Crop Insurance Facilities

The annual crops which are prone to natural disaster like cyclone, heavy rains, drought, severe pest and diseases need to be cover under Crop Insurance to provide an element of Economic relief to the farmers. Therefore, the department is providing 50% premium component of the insured amount covering crop loan sanctioned by the commercial and State Cooperative banks in the season. This subsidy pattern is as suggested in the Crop Insurance scheme by the GOI. This department and the percentage of loss intimated to the GIC for compensation.

Tractors for Hiring

Departmental tractors are provided for ploughing at nominal rate of Rs. 60/- per hour. The farmers can avail the facility through the various zonal officers.

Subsidy for Ponds and Pumpsets.

To supplement irrigation facilities to the farmers by way of digging Minor Irrigation Ponds and supply of pumpsets subsidy is provided by the department. 1/3 cost of ponds/pumpsets is provided by the department as subsidy and 2/3rd as loan by NABARD/Shramdan incase of Minor Irrigation Pond and cash contribution in case of pumpset.

Prescribed form for this is available with the Directorate of Agriculture and all zonal officers. The farmers are to submit their application through the Agriculture staff posted at various zones. The farmers can avail the subsidy benefit under the Minor Irrigation scheme in the following manner: -

- Excavation of ponds on shramdan-cum-subsidy.
- Excavation of ponds on loan-cum-subsidy.
- Supply of pumpset on cash-cum-subsidy.
- Supply of pumpset on loan-cum-subsidy.

Excavation of Ponds on Shramdan-cum-Subsidy.

The farmers can obtain the application form from Agriculture Demonstrators, Application duly filled may be submitted back to the Agriculture Demonstrator which will be forwarded by the zonal officers of the area concerned to the Director of Agriculture. The application will be scrutinized by the Assistant Engineer (Minor Irrigation). The application of selected farmers will be forwarded to the Administration for sanction of subsidy being 1/3rd cost of the Minor Irrigation Pond. After obtaining sanction from the Administration the farmers will be directed to start the work under the technical supervision of the

Departmental Officials. After the completion of work in all respect the subsidy amount will be handed over to the farmers.

Time taken

1. Scrutinizing at Directorate level - 15 days.
2. Sanction of subsidy by Administration - 45 days.
3. Execution of works - 45 days.

Excavation of Pond on Loan-cum-Subsidy

The procedure for selection of beneficiary will be same as for item I above. The name of the selected farmers will be forwarded to the concerned bank for sanction of loan component being the 2/3rd cost of the Minor Irrigation Pond. On hearing from the respective bank regarding sanction of loan portion the case of the Administration for sanction of subsidy amount being the 1/3rd cost of the Minor Irrigation Pond. On sanction of subsidy by the Administration the subsidy amount will be paid to the beneficiaries in three equal installments. The 1st installment at the time of sanction of loan-cum-subsidy by the concerned bank, 2nd installment after the 50% completion of the work and the 3rd installment after the completion of the work in all respect.

Time taken

1. Scrutinizing at Directorate level - 15 days
2. Sanction of loan portion by banks - 45 days
3. Sanction of subsidy by Administration - 45 days
4. Execution of works - 45 days.

Supply of Pumpset on cash-cum-Subsidy

The selected beneficiaries will be directed to deposit the 2/3rd cost of the pumpset to the approved suppliers of the particulars pumpset for which the rates are approved by the Department. Subsequently the cases of such farmers will be forwarded to the Administration for sanction of subsidy portion being the 1/3rd cost of the pumpset. After sanctioning of the subsidy amount the supplier will supply the pumpset and submit the service engineer report to the effect that respective farmers. On receipt of service engineers report the subsidy amount will be handed over to the firm.

Time taken

1. Scrutinizing of application - 15 days
2. Sanction of subsidy by Administration - 45 days
3. Supply of pumpset by supplier - 1 month.

Supply of Pumpset on Loan-cum-Subsidy

The name of the selected beneficiaries will be forwarded to the respective bank for sanction of loan component being the 2/3rd cost of the pumpset. On hearing from the bank regarding sanction of loan component, the cases of the respective beneficiaries will be forwarded to the Administration for sanction of subsidy amount being the 1/3rd cost of the pumpset. After obtaining sanction from the Administration the subsidy amount will be handed over to the bank and supplier will be asked to supply the pumpset to the farmers through department. The supplier will supply the pumpset at the Central Stores of the Agriculture Department. The Department will make arrangement for transportation of pumpset from the Central Stores to farmers plot. Subsequently the supplier will be asked to make arrangements for commissioning the pumpset by deputing his service engineer in the field of beneficiaries. The total cost of the pumpset being the loan-cum-subsidy amount will be handed over to the supplier on receipt of service engineer report duly signed by the respective zonal officer regarding commissioning of the pumpset.

Time taken

1. Scrutinizing of application - 15 days.
2. Sanction of loan component by bank - 45 days
3. Sanction of subsidy by Administration - 45 days
4. Supplier will supply the pumpset - 45 days.

The Interface of the Farmers has with the Department

The farmers have scope to contact with Agriculture Demonstrator at the grass root level, zonal officers at the zonal level in addition to Directorate level with Director of Agriculture with the following programme.

Churcha Mondals.
One day and two days training camps.
Kisan Mela.
Study tour to mainland.
Inter Island study tour.
State level Agricultural Exhibition.
Farmers Day/Agricultural Conference.
Kharif and Rabi Campaigns.