

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMER'S WELFARE

No.AGRI (G) 45/2022/Pt.I/1

Dated: Shillong, the 12th October 2022

From: Shri Sibhi C. Sadhu, IAS,
Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,

To: State Informatics Officer
NIC, Meghalaya, Shillong.

Subject: Corrigendum to the scheme dated 15th June 2022 and corrigendum dated 29th July 2022
for Meghalaya Agriculture Response Vehicle Scheme

Sir,

The Meghalaya Agriculture Response Vehicle Scheme was notified vide notification No: Agri @ 45/2022/1 dated 15th June 2022 and subsequently a corrigendum was notified on 29th July 2022. Based on stakeholder consultations, requests and suggestions received, following revisions and additions are hereby made to the guidelines of the mentioned scheme and the corrigendum issued by Department of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare:-

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1.7 Financing Plan 4. Quantum and Nature of Financial Assistance b) EMI support: To reduce the burden of the operational cost on the beneficiaries in the first two years of his business, Agriculture Department, GoM will support the beneficiary by paying a. 85% of the EMI in the first 6 months b. 45% of the EMI for 7-12 months	1.7 Financing Plan 4. Quantum and Nature of Financial Assistance b) EMI support: To reduce the burden of the operational cost on the beneficiaries in the first two years of his business, Agriculture Department, GoM will support the beneficiary by paying (tentative) a. 85% of the EMI in the first 6 months b. 45% of the EMI for 7-12 months c. 25% of the EMI for 13-24 months

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<p>c. 35% of the EMI for 13-24 months</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The % support of EMI mentioned may change due to prevailing bank interest at the time of loan disbursement ▪ A moratorium period of two (2) months shall be applicable at the beginning of the loan term.
<p>1.8 Financial Aid Disbursement method</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Down-payment support from the GoM will be transferred to the bank branch in favour of the loanee within 30 days of receipt of validation. ▪ In case the beneficiary fails to procure the vehicle within two months of receipt of validation, the same shall return to the department account. ▪ Financial Support in EMI will be deposited to the loanee's account based on the assessment of the following criteria. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Whether the vehicle is being used for the transportation of agricultural products when there is a demand. 2. Whether the vehicle driver is responding to the calls made from the PMU. 3. Vehicle owner must submit a copy of the service receipt book at the District Agriculture Office every month. 4. Vehicle shall clock a minimum of 400 km/month for transportation of agriculture products as per the records of GPS and service receipt book. 5. Farmers in the respective area of operation of a vehicle are found to be satisfied with 	<p>1.8 Financial Aid Disbursement method</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Down-payment support from the Department of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare shall be transferred to the department's account in the bank after the receipt of loan confirmation from the bank. ▪ In case the beneficiary fails to procure the vehicle within two months of receipt of validation, the same shall return to the department account. ▪ EMI support from the Department of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare shall be transferred to the bank every month before the EMI date.

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<p>the transportation services. Assessment shall be done by the government representatives.</p> <p>6. Vehicle is found to be in good condition as per the certificate of inspection by the government representative.</p>	
<p>1.8 a) Responsibilities of an ARV owner</p> <p>Before getting the ARV</p> <p>All beneficiaries of the Agriculture Response Vehicles must adhere to the terms and conditions defined by the Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, GoM. The terms and conditions will be formulated by the department before handing over the vehicles, based on inputs received from the District Agricultural Officer/District Horticulture Officer. However, it is recommended that the terms shall cover the following Dos and Don'ts of the usage of the vehicle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Area of an ARV's operation ▪ Vehicle maintenance ▪ Monthly submission of necessary documents to District Agricultural Office ▪ Terms and conditions of contract cancellation <p>After taking the ARV:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ARV driver shall respond to the calls of the customers on his registered mobile number and provide transportation services for agricultural products whenever demand arises 2. Vehicle driver must provide to every customer 	<p>1.8 a) Signing of the Beneficiary Agreement</p> <p>All beneficiaries of the Agriculture Response Vehicles shall sign on the 'Beneficiary Agreement' issued jointly by the department and the bank. Beneficiary agreement shall contain the following points.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The vehicle owner shall get its vehicle empanelled with 1917iTeams 2. The vehicle shall provide services primarily to the agriculture logistics on demand 3. The booking calls requested by 1917iTeams shall not be denied unless the vehicle is having pre or ongoing engagement 4. Functioning of the GPS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. GPS shall not be tempered b. Malfunctioned GPS shall be replaced immediately when informed by 1917iTeams c. Any additional cost related to the functioning of the device must be borne by the vehicle owner 5. The vehicle shall be maintained well and shall be kept cleaned 6. In any case, should the vehicle met with an

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<p>with a service receipt (only for agriculture and allied sector transportation)</p> <p>3. Driver must enter the following details in the service receipts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name and phone number of the customer 2. Pickup and destination details 3. Name of the products being transported 4. Quantity of the product being transported 5. Total transportation amount charged from the customer <p>4. Vehicle owner must submit one copy of the service receipts every month to the District Agriculture Office/District Horticulture Office as proof of their service to the farmers</p> <p>5. Vehicle owner must maintain good care of the vehicle until the contract period has ended. Condition of the vehicles will be checked by a government-appointed representative before disbursement of the EMI paid</p> <p>6. He/she must attend any training programs whenever provided by the government.</p>	<p>accident, First Information Report shall be filed with the Police at the earliest and copy of the FIR to be forwarded to both financing bank and the 1917iTeams</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. The borrower must adhere and complete the full tenure of the loan 8. The borrower shall ensure that the vehicle has all necessary documents up to date. All costs related to the same shall be borne by the vehicle owner 9. Any branding on the vehicle by the department must not be altered 10. The vehicle shall be driven and operated by a professional driver holding a valid commercial driving license 11. A quarterly inspection may be carried out by from the office District Agriculture Officer to assess the usage and condition of the vehicle 12. The vehicle owner shall attend any training programs provided by the government.
<p>1.10 Beneficiary Evaluation mechanism</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 'District Level Screening Committee' at each district headed by the Deputy Commissioner shall perform the initial screening of the applications based on the authentication of submitted documents 2. 'Screening Committee' at each district will be consisted of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Head of the Committee: Deputy 	<p>1.10 Beneficiary Evaluation mechanism</p> <p>After the end of the submission deadline, District Agriculture Officer of all districts shall send all the received applications along with the enclosures to the Directorate of Agriculture immediately for evaluation by the 'State Evaluation Committee'.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) 'State Evaluation Committee' will be consisted of

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<p>Commissioner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Other members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ District Agriculture Officer (DAO) ▪ District Horticulture Officer (DHO) ▪ One representative from the bank <p>3. Screening Committee will also do a physical background verification of the shortlisted applicants</p> <p>4. Screened applications shall be evaluated by a “Evaluation Committee” at state level based on the information filled by the applicants</p> <p>5. ‘Evaluation Committee’ at State Level will be consisted of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chairman: Commissioner and Secretary ▪ Vice chairman: Secretary, Agriculture ▪ Other Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Director, 1917iTeams ▪ Director, Agriculture ▪ Director, Horticulture ▪ One member from the bank <p>6. Primary criteria for evaluating the beneficiaries shall be focused on,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Primary sector production in the targeted/identified area ▪ Population involved in primary sector ▪ Secondary activities and services during the lean season ▪ Existing agriculture value chain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chairman: Commissioner and Secretary /Secretary of Department of Agriculture and Farmer’s welfare ▪ Other Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Director, 1917iTeams ▪ Director, Agriculture ▪ Director, Horticulture ▪ One member from the bank <p>b) Primary criteria for evaluating the beneficiaries shall be focused on,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Primary sector production in the targeted/identified area ▪ Population involved in primary sector ▪ Secondary activities and services during the lean season ▪ Existing agriculture value chain ▪ Markets for primary sector products ▪ Need for agriculture transportation vehicles ▪ Current occupation of the beneficiary ▪ Preference shall be given to the beneficiaries who will be drivers of the ARVs. ▪ Any other relevant criteria as decided by the committee. <p>c) The final list of the beneficiaries will be available on the official website of the Agricultural & Farmer’s Welfare Department, Government of Meghalaya after completion</p>

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Yours faithfully,

Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya
Department of Agriculture & Farmers" Welfare

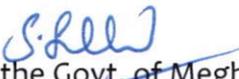
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2. The Director of Information and Public Relations, Shillong, Meghalaya.
3. Director of Agriculture/Horticulture, Meghalaya, Shillong with a request to inform all DAOs/DHOs for necessary action.
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