

NOTICE

It is being notified to all concerned that Establishment of Soil Testing Projects at village level under Soil Health Management (SHM) Scheme of National Mission of sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) will be commenced in Nadia District as per following guidelines:

Project: It may include all the basic equipments necessary for soil sampling, registration, testing result generation, printing and distribution of soil Health Card.

Beneficiary: Individual or Group or Institutions. Aadhar card is not mandatory.

- i. Individual: Indian Citizen, Village entrepreneur (18 – 40) age group, Input retailers.
- ii. Groups: Self Help Group (SHGs), Farmers Joint Liability Groups, Farmers Cooperative Societies, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Input retail outlets.
- iii. Institutions: School / Collages located in the District.

The beneficiary must be well trained or the unit must have well trained persons from the Govt. approved testing laboratories/ KVKs/ SAYs etc. for analysis of soil samples and having knowledge of computer. Premises of School / College / Panchayet Building/Input retail outlets etc. may be used for establishment of Soil Health Lab.

Category: S.C.-16%, S.T.- 8%, Women: 30% of the beneficiaries as per GOI guidelines.

Financial Assistance:

For groups (Sl no. ii & iii): Upto a maximum project cost of Rs.10 Lakhs for establishment of mini STL. 80% of project cost will be provide for purchase of machinery & equipments, chemicals & glass wares, Misc. Laboratory articles and contingencies.

For individual (Sl no.i): Financial assistance upto 40 % of the project cost of 10 lakhs will be provided for establishment of mini STL. 80% of project cost will be provide for purchase of machinery & equipments, chemicals & glass wares, Misc. Laboratory articles and contingencies.

Funding Pattern: Subsidy will be shared under this scheme between Govt. of India and West Bengal in the ratio of 60:40.

Fund Flow Mechanism: INM Division will release grant – in – aid to state. The DLEC will receive funds from State Nodal Dept. for implementation of this programme. Similarly NCOF will release funds from NABARD under CISS. In case of credit requirement application may be forwarded by DLEC to lead bank for providing NABARD subsidy.

Training of Beneficiary: Training will be imparted on importance of soil testing in soil fertility management and related matter. Boarding & Lodging Charges, to & fro journey allowances, stipend & institutional charges will be provided to the beneficiary as per guidelines of the project.

The Annual Audited Statement of Account together with the U.C. of the grant received by the implementing agency shall be submitted to the Department of Agriculture & Co-Operation within 30th April of the subsequent year. No fresh fund will be released unless the U.C. for the earlier release submitted by the implementing agency.

Interested Persons / Groups / Institutions may apply with full particulars in support of their eligibility to this Office of the undersigned **within 30.11.2016 positively.**

For more details, please contact Office of the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Administration), Nadia, Horticultural campus (Near Panthatirtha), Krishnagar (Pin: 741101).

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