



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Local Self Government Department – Implementation of Sericulture Development Scheme (2011-12) – revised guideline approved – orders issued.

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LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (DD) DEPARTMENT

GO(Rt.)No.2267/13/LSGD

Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 06.09.2013

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Read:- 1. GO(Rt).2252/2011/LSGD Dated 29.09.2011.  
2. GO(Rt).3140/11/LSGD Dated 29.12.2011.  
3. Letter No.12663/SRI-1/2012-13/CRD Dated 01.12.2012 & 13.08.2012  
from Commissioner for Rural Development.

O R D E R

As per the Government Order read as 1<sup>st</sup> paper above administrative sanction was accorded for the implementation of Sericulture Scheme in the state through Commissioner for Rural Development at an outlay Rs.150lakh under the head of account 2515-00-102-44. As per Government Order read as 2<sup>nd</sup> paper above, guidelines for the implementation of Sericulture Development was approved. As per the letter read 3<sup>rd</sup> paper above Commissioner for Rural Development has requested to approve the revised subsidy guideline of the scheme. The Commissioner for Rural Development has also informed that there is a provision of Rs.25 lakhs towards state share and Rs.40 lakhs towards the state share corresponding to the central share in the budget for 2013 and that the revised guidelines are applicable to the current years.

2. In the circumstances Government are pleased to approve revised guidelines (annexure) for the implementation of Sericulture Development Scheme

(BY THE ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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To

1. The Commissioner for Rural Development, Thiruvananthapuram.
2. The Managing Director, SERIFED, Thiruvananthapuram.
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Section Officer

## Implementation guidelines for sericulture schemes

The sericulture development activities in the state were vested with Commissionerate of Rural Development vide G.O.(MS) No.58/2010/ID dated, 15/03/2010. Government have approved guidelines for the implementation of sericulture development activities vide G.O.Rt.No.3140/2011/LSGD dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 29/12/2011. As a result of the conduct of meetings and workshops participating the officials and peoples representatives, it was decided to implement the sericulture development scheme through selected block panchayaths, to rejuvenalise the sector with people's participation. As per the suggestions of one day workshop for block panchayath presidents, secretaries and standing committee chairmen held on SIRD, Kottarakkara on 20/10/2012 & 30/10/2012, the modifications in the present guidelines have to be effected immediately for smooth implementation of various schemes. Hence the criteria for availing financial assistance under sericulture development scheme have to be modified as follows. The rate of financial assistance under CDP of Central Silk Board has to be modified as per the revised rates of assistance under Catalytic Development Programme.

The eligibility for availing the subsidy is the farmers having minimum 25 cents and maximum of 1 Hectare. The beneficiary will be eligible for subsidy, the beneficiary is having own land or leased land with minimum period of three year lease agreement. The main objective of the scheme is to generate gainful employment in the rural area through mulberry plantation, cocoon production finally silk and fabric production. It also envisages generating supplementary income to the farmers, effective utilisation of man power and economic empowerment of women.

The major components of sericulture schemes are

- 1) Support for mulberry plantation and silkworm rearing.
- 2) Support for extension and publicity.
- 3) Beneficiary empowerment programme.
- 4) Incentive for bivoltine silk yarn production.
- 5) Production incentive for quality linked cocoon procurement system.
- 6) Support for mechanisation of existing mulberry garden.
- 7) Support for maintenance of existing mulberry garden.
- 8) Support for post cocoon sector (Reeling, twisting, weaving, printing, handicraft etc.)

### **1) Planting Material Assistance:**

This assistance is given only for a well established irrigated mulberry garden with required plant population. A farmer with minimum of 25 cents of mulberry garden will be eligible for the subsidy. This subsidy is limited up to 1 hectare of plantation for a farmer. The number of mulberry plants required to be available in the paired row spacing of (3'+2') x 5' in the garden are listed below

Table 1

Sl. No.	Land Area	Number of mulberry plants required to be available in required spacing
1	25 cents	1250
2	50 cents	2500
3	1 acre	5000
4	1 hectare	12500

The unit cost for the development of mulberry garden is Rs.5500 per acre. 50% of unit cost is provided as assistance by Central Silk Board, 25% by the state and 25% should be borne by the beneficiary (50:25:25). An amount of Rs.4125 is given as subsidy to a farmer for an acre or on pro-rata basis. The area wise subsidy details are given in Table 2.

Table 2

Sl. No.	Land Area	Number of mulberry plants required	Unit cost (in Rs)	Subsidy amount eligible (in Rs) (75% of unit cost)	Sharing of subsidy	
					Central (50% of unit cost)	State (25% of unit cost)
1	25 cents	1250	2250	1688	1125	563
2	50 cents	2500	4500	3375	2250	1125
3	1 acre	5000	9000	6750	4500	2250

#### Other requirements are

1. Well established mulberry plantation with the plants of minimum six months old in the case of direct plantation and three months old in the case of saplings. transplantation are eligible for the subsidy.
2. Under this scheme raising of tree plantations (@ 300 trees per acre) and replacing of old mulberry varieties are also included.
3. Farmer will be eligible for the subsidy after the completion of 3 months in case of saplings and 6 months in case of direct plantation (cuttings) with a survivability of 90%.
4. Farmers who are eligible for the subsidy should submit an application in the prescribed format to the Project Director, Poverty alleviation unit of the respective district with any one of the document showing the ownership or lease agreement of the mulberry garden.
5. The Assistant Sericulture Officer will verify the eligibility and recommend the application.
6. After receiving the eligibility report the Project Director should sanction the subsidy.

7. Subsidy should be issued through crossed cheque.
8. This subsidy is given only one time for a particular farmer for a mulberry garden. But the extension of same mulberry garden will be assisted up to a maximum of 1 hectare.
9. Subsidy applications should be cross verified with the earlier records to avoid duplication.
10. Entries should be made in the register and proper receipts should be obtained from the farmers. The receipts and registers should be submitted for verification.
11. The Project Director should submit monthly distribution details and the utilization certificate to the Commissioner before 5<sup>th</sup> of every month.

**2. Assistance for rearing equipments (Equipment Subsidy):**

Farmers with mulberry plantation are supported for the purchase of modern rearing equipments such as rotary mountages, power sprayer, flame gun and shoot rearing racks etc., which are essential for bivoltine silkworm rearing. The unit cost approved is Rs.50,000 per acre per farmer, of which the subsidy will be extended up to the maximum of Rs.37,500 per acre and on prorata basis, and the cost will be shared in the ratio of 50:25:25 by CSB, State and Beneficiary. A farmer with mulberry garden with required mulberry plants as per table 1 with the minimum extend of land as per table 3a, b or c are eligible for the subsidy for rearing equipments. The details of unit cost and subsidy are given below.

**Table.3a**  
**Assistance for plantation of 1 Acre and above**

Sl. No.	Details of equipments to be purchased by the farmer	1.00 acre and more plantation.			
		Unit Cost (in Rs)	Subsidy amount eligible (75% of unit cost) (in Rs)	Sharing of subsidy	
				Central (50% of unit cost) (in Rs)	State (25% of unit cost) (in Rs)
1	Power Sprayer (1No.)	7000.00	5250	3500	1750
2	Flame Gun (1 No.)	1000.00	750	500	250
3	Improved Mountages	22500.00	16875	11250	5625
4	Shoot Rearing Racks (1750 sq.ft. for 250 dfs)	10000.00	7500	5000	2500
5	Plastic Cocoon Harvester	500.00	375	250	125
6	Matured Larval Separator	6000.00	4500	3000	1500
7	Hand operated deflossing machine	3000	2250	1500	750
Total		50000.00	37500.00	25000.00	12500.00

**Assistance for Plantation above 50 cents and below 1 acre**

Sl. No.	Details of equipments to be purchased by the farmer	50 cents			
		Unit Cost (in Rs)	Subsidy amount eligible (75% of unit cost) (in Rs)	Sharing of subsidy	
				Central (50% of unit cost) (in Rs)	State (25% of unit cost) (in Rs)
1	Gator Sprayer (1.No)	1500.00	1125.00	750.00	375.00
2	Flame Gun (1 No)	1000.00	750.00	500.00	250.00
3	Improved Mountages	13500.00	10125.00	6750.00	3375.00
4	Shoot Rearing Racks (1050 sq.ft for 150 dfs)	5500.00	3750.00	2500.00	1250.00
5	Plastic Cocoon Harvester	500.00	375.00	250.00	125.00
6	Hand operated deflossing machine	3000.00	2250.00	1500.00	750.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>25000.00</b>	<b>18750.00</b>	<b>12500.00</b>	<b>6250.00</b>

**Table. 3c**

**Assistance for plantation below 50 cents and above 25 cents**

Sl. No.	Details of equipments to be purchased by the farmer	25 cents			
		Unit Cost (in Rs)	Subsidy amount eligible (75% of unit cost) (in Rs)	Sharing of subsidy	
				Central (50% of unit cost) (in Rs)	State (25% of unit cost) (in Rs)
1	Sprayer, Improved Mountages, Shoot Rearing Racks and Plastic Cocoon Harvester	12500.00	9375.00	6250.00	3125.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12500.00</b>	<b>9375.00</b>	<b>6250.00</b>	<b>3125.00</b>

**Other requirements are**

1. Well established mulberry plantation with the plants of minimum six months old in the case of direct plantation and three months old in the case of saplings transplantation are required for the subsidy.
2. A farmer with minimum of 25 cents of mulberry garden with required mulberry plants as per table.1 and rearing equipments as per table.3a; b & c are eligible for the subsidy.
3. Farmer will be eligible for the subsidy after the purchase of rearing equipments and starting of first rearing.

4. Farmers who are eligible for the subsidy should submit an application in the prescribed format to the Project Director, Poverty alleviation unit of the respective district with the details of rearing equipments purchased and cost incurred.
5. The farmer should also submit a declaration that the particular equipment will be used for the sericulture purpose only.
6. The Assistant Sericulture Officer will verify the eligibility and recommend the application.
7. After receiving the eligibility report the Project Director should sanction the subsidy.
8. Subsidy should be issued through crossed cheque.
9. This subsidy is given only one time for a particular farmer for a mulberry garden. But the extension of same mulberry garden will be assisted up to a maximum of one acre.
10. Subsidy applications should be cross verified with the earlier records to avoid duplication.
11. Entries should be made in the register and proper receipts should be obtained from the farmers. The receipts and registers should be submitted for verification.
12. The Project Director should submit monthly distribution details and utilisation certificate to the Commissioner before 5<sup>th</sup> of every month.

### 3. Assistance for construction of Rearing shed (Rearing Shed subsidy)

In order to ensure hygienic conditions and prevent contamination during silkworm rearing, construction of separate silkworm rearing house is very essential. Considering different topographical structure in the states, different types and designs of rearing houses are also necessary.

Models of rearing houses namely Rs. 75,000, Rs. 1,50,000 and Rs. 2,00,000 are implemented with 50% subsidy limiting to the maximum extend of Rs.1,00,000 which will be borne by the beneficiary. A farmer with minimum of 25 cents mulberry garden with required mulberry plants as per table.1 and size of the rearing shed as per table.4 are eligible for the subsidy. The details of unit costs and subsidy are given below.

**Table 4**

Sl. No.	Mulberry Area (ac)	Rearing House Area (sq. ft)	Unit Cost (Rs)	Total Subsidy 50% of unit cost (in Rs)	Sharing of subsidy	
					Central (25% of unit cost) (in Rs)	State (25% of unit cost) (in Rs)
1	1 ac & above	1000	2,00,000	1,00,000	50,000	50,000
2	Above 50 cents and below 1 acre	600	1,50,000	75,000	37,500	37,500
3	Above 25 cents and below 50 cents	225	75,000	37,500	18,750	18,750

#### Other requirements are

1. Well established mulberry plantation with the plants of minimum six months old in the case of direct plantation and three months old in the case of saplings transplantation are required for the subsidy.
2. A farmer with minimum of 25 cents of mulberry garden with required mulberry plants as per table.1 and rearing shed as per table.4 are eligible for the subsidy.
3. The rearing houses should be constructed away from the dwelling houses to avoid contamination of diseases.
4. Structures of rearing houses for each model are given as annexures.1,2 &3.
5. Measurements of the rearing shed and other specifications should also be ensured.
6. The farmers will be eligible for the subsidy after the completion of rearing shed as per specifications.
7. Farmers who are eligible for the subsidy should submit an application in the prescribed format to the Project Director, Poverty alleviation unit of the respective district with the details of rearing shed construction, cost incurred and two photograph showing the inner view and outer view of the shed.
8. The farmer should submit a declaration that the shed will be used for the silkworm rearing purpose only.
9. The Assistant Sericulture Officer will verify the eligibility and recommend the application.
10. After receiving the eligibility report the Project Director should sanction the subsidy.
11. Subsidy should be issued through crossed cheque.
12. The subsidy is given only one time for a particular farmer for a mulberry garden. But the extension of same mulberry garden and shed will be assisted up to a maximum of one acre.
13. Subsidy applications should be cross verified with the earlier records to avoid duplication.
14. Entries should be made in the register and proper receipts should be obtained.
15. The Project Director should submit monthly distribution details and the utilisation certificate to the Commissioner before 5<sup>th</sup> of every month.

#### 4. Assistance for irrigation and other water Conservation and usage technique (Irrigation Subsidy)

The scheme is to cover all types of irrigation, such as drip irrigation, tube/open wells, shallow well, ponds, farm ponds, surface tanks and similar water harvesting systems. The subsidy will be given proportionately according to the nature of irrigation system and also the area proposed to be covered by the irrigation system by the farmer. 50% of the unit cost is provided by Central Silk Board, 25% by the state and 25% should be borne by the beneficiary (50:25:25). In total 75% of the unit cost is given as subsidy to the farmer. The details of unit cost are given below:



Table.5a

Assistance for Irrigation Subsidy for plantation of 1 Hectare and more

Sl. No	Types of Irrigation	One Hectare			
		Unit Cost (in Rs)	Subsidy amount eligible (75% of unit cost ) (in Rs.)	Sharing of subsidy	
				Central (50% of unit cost) (in Rs)	State (25% of unit cost) (in Rs.)
1a.	Development of Irrigation sources (ponds, farm, ponds shallow wells, bore well, surface tanks including storage tanks/conservation facilities etc.)	30,000	22,500	15,000	7,500
B	Water lifting devices (electric pump set, diesel engine pump set etc)and pipelines.	20,000	15,000	10,000	5,000
2	Sprinkler Irrigation	40,000	30,000	20,000	10,000
3	(Drip Irrigation System)	50,000	37,500	25,000	12,500

Table.5b

Assistance for Irrigation Subsidy for plantation above 1 Acre and below 1 hectare

Sl.No	Types of Irrigation	One Acre			
		Unit Cost (in Rs)	Subsidy amount eligible (75% of unit cost ) (in Rs.)	Sharing of subsidy	
				Central (50% of unit cost) (in Rs)	State (25% of unit cost) (in Rs.)
1a.	Development of Irrigation sources (ponds, farm, ponds shallow wells, bore well, surface tanks including storage tanks/conservation facilities etc.)	10,000	7,500	5,000	2,500
B	Water lifting devices (electric pump set, diesel engine pump set etc)	10,000	7,500	5,000	2,500
2	Sprinkler Irrigation	20,000	15,000	10,000	5,000
3	Drip Irrigation System	20,000	15,000	10,000	5,000

- Any one of the type is admissible for assistance. Subsidy will be released on pro-rata basis subject to a maximum of Rs. 37,500/ha, Rs.15,000/ac, Rs.7,500/50 cents and Rs. 3,750/25 cents.

**Table.5c**

- Assistance for Irrigation Subsidy for plantation above 50 cents and below 1 Acre**

Sl.No	Types of Irrigation	50 Cents		
		Unit Cost (in Rs)	Subsidy amount eligible (75% of unit cost) (in Rs)	Sharing of subsidy Central (50% of unit cost) (in Rs)      State (25% of unit cost) (in Rs.)
1a.	Development of Irrigation sources	5,000	3,750	2,500      1,250
1 b	Water lifting devices	5,000	3,750	2,500      1,250
2	Sprinkler Irrigation	10,000	7,500	5,000      2,500
3	Drip Irrigation System	10,000	7,500	5,000      2,500

**Table.5d**

- Assistance for Irrigation Subsidy for plantation of above 25 cents and below 50 Cents**

Sl.No	Types of Irrigation	25 Cents		
		Unit Cost (in Rs)	Subsidy amount eligible (75% of unit cost) (in Rs.)	Sharing of subsidy Central (50% of unit cost) (in Rs)      State (25% of unit cost) (in Rs.)
1a.	Development of Irrigation sources	2,500	1,875	1,250      625
B	Water lifting devices	2,500	1,875	1,250      625
2	Sprinkler Irrigation	5,000	3,750	2,500      1,250
3	Drip Irrigation System	5,000	3,750	2,500      1,250

**Other requirements**

- Well established mulberry plantation with the plants of minimum six months old in the case of direct plantation and three months old in the case of saplings transplantation are required for the subsidy.
- A farmer with minimum of 25 cents of mulberry garden with required mulberry plants as per table 1 and irrigation facility as per table-5a, b, c & d are eligible for the subsidy.
- The farmer will be eligible for subsidy after the installation of pump set and irrigations devices.
- Farmers who are eligible for the subsidy should submit an application in the prescribed format to the Project Director, Poverty alleviation Unit of the respective district with the detail types of irrigation system, and cost incurred.

5. The Assistant Sericulture Officer will verify the eligibility and recommend the application.
6. After receiving the eligibility report the Project Director should sanction the subsidy
7. Subsidy should be issued through crossed cheque.
8. This subsidy is given only one time for a particular farmer for a mulberry garden. But the irrigation assistance will be given to the extended mulberry garden up to maximum of hectare.
9. Subsidy applications should be cross verified with the earlier records to avoid duplication.
10. Entries should be made in the register and proper receipts should be obtained from the farmers. The receipts and registers should be submitted for verification.
11. The Project Director should submit monthly distribution details and the utilisation certificate to the Commissioner before 5<sup>th</sup> of every month.

**5. Support for Extension and Publicity**

It is planned to give wide publicity through extension programmes the conducting workshops, field day, farmers meet, group discussions, exhibitions, seminary, film shows, publicity through media, state level technical meetings, awards etc... The criteria fixed for the conduct of Group discussion, Seminar, workshop, exhibition, field day, film show is as follows:

**(i) Group Discussion**

- a. Minimum of 10 participants.
- b. Identification of new plantation and popularization of new technologies is to be done.
- c. Discussion may be conducted at a convenient place of the farmers.
- d. A budget allocation of maximum Rs. 1,000/- can be sanctioned towards the various expenditures.

**(ii) Seminar/ Workshop**

- a. One day Seminar/ Workshop may be conducted with the minimum of 50 Participants.
- b. Must be subject oriented.
- c. External faculty can be used.
- d. Workshops should be conducted either cluster wise or district wise Workshop should focus field Problems and the same should be solved in the workshop itself.
- e. A budget allocation of maximum Rs. 10,000/- can be sanctioned towards the various expenditure.

- f. When special programmes are to be conducted approval can be taken separately for budget allocation from the commissioner.

**(iii) Exhibition**

Exhibition can be conducted as per the requirement. The exhibition materials made in each district can be used for the exhibition programme.

**(iv) Field Day**

- a. Field Day should be conducted in the sericulture clusters.
- b. Field Day should be need based and subject oriented.
- c. A budget allocation of maximum Rs. 1,500/- can be sanctioned towards the various expenditures.

**(v) Film show**

- a. Film show should be conducted individually or in combination of other progress when new technologies are demonstrated.
- b. A budget allocation of maximum Rs. 1500/- can be sanctioned towards the various expenditure.

**(vi) State Level/Region wise Technical Meetings.**

Technical meeting should be conducted state level or region wise to train the technical staff, to popularize new technologies and innovations and to set right field level technical problems. Budget allocation should be sanctioned based on the number of participants, venue, duration and nature of the programme.

**(vii) Awards.**

Awards to the best performing Assistant Sericulture Officer and also to the best sericulture farmers in the state shall be given based on the recommendation of the committee constituted by the Commissioner for Rural Development.

Printing of pamphlets, notice etc on various aspects of sericulture and technology adoption can be done in popularizing the latest technology and increasing the awareness regarding the profitable practices and adoption of improved technologies among the beneficiaries. District level allocations will be made after receiving the request from the Project Directors according to district's demand.

**6. Incentive for the production of Bivoltine Silk**

Eligibility: - 1. Any silk reeling unit in the state

2. Production of bivoltine silk yarn

Incentive amount: 100/- per kg of bivoltine silk

The support for the development of post cocoon sector in the state for the sustainable development of sericulture and silk industry. During this year it is planned to give incentive to the reeling units for the production of good quality bivoltine silk yarn in the state Rs. 100/- is given as incentive for 1 kg of good quality bivoltine yarn. The incentive is quality shared by the state and CSB such (50:50). The reeling units should submit application with the silk sale details to the Project Director. The eligible application should be forwarded to the Commissioner with proper recommendation. After consolidation the requested will be send to the CSB for approval. The central share will be released to the CRD, and will be released to the concerned reeling units through the Project Director, after adding the state share.

Note: The entire garden planted during erstwhile SERIFED are eligible for all the subsidies. In the Central Silk Board clusters if the central share is directly issued by the CSB Units, the state share alone should be released to the farmers.

**Assistance for Post Cocoon Sector Schemes**

**Table 6**

Sl. No.	Components	Unit Cost	CSB Share 50%	State Share 25%	Total (75%) subsidy
1.	Support has establishing shuttle less loom (each) unit with 8 looms and 1 sectoral warping machine	50,00,000	25,00,000	12,50,000	37,50,000
2.	Support for Handloom sector for loom up gradation	28,000	14,000	7,000	21,000
3.	Support for computer Aided Textile designing system	5,00,000	2,50,000	1,25,000	3,75,000

**Table 7**

I. No.	Components	Unit Cost	CSB Share 75%	State Share	Total (75%) subsidy
1.	Support for Fabric processing facilities	25,00,000	18,75,000		18,75,000
2.	Support for setting up of common facility centre for yarn dying				
	1)25 Kgs capacity	3,00,000	2,25,000		2,25,000
	2)50 Kgs capacity	5,00,000	3,75,000		3,75,000
	3)100Kgs capacity	12,00,000	9,00,000		9,00,000

## B. STATE SCHEMES

1. Quality Linked Cocoon Production. Procurement System (Production incentive)

Eligibility :- All cocoon producing farmers of the state

Incentive amount : i., Rs. 50/-per one kg of cocoon with good cocoon

Percentage (G.C5) 90 and above,

ii., Rs. 35/-kg for cocoon with GC% 85-89 and

iii., Rs.30/-kg for cocoon with GC% 80-84

The scheme is to support the production of good quality cocoon. Sample of 1 Kg of cocoon should be assessed and based on the good cocoon percentage, production incentive should be paid to the farmers. An amount of Rs. 50/-kg should given as incentive to those cocoon lots with Good Cocoon percentage (GC%) 90 and above, Rs. 35/-kg for cocoon with GC% 85-89 and Rs. 30/-kg for cocoon with GC% 80-84. Poor quality cocoon will not get production incentive.

- 1) The entire cocoon produced in the state are legible for the production incentive.
- 2) The pending claims of erstwhile SERIFED should be admitted after cross verification with the earlier records.
- 3) The farmer should submit a request with date of brushing and date of marketing. Cocoon assessment sheet or market slip/market receipt. The Assistant Sericulture Officer or central silk boarded scientists should certify and confirm the production for the cocoon inside the state by the farmer.
- 4) The production incentive should be sanctioned to farmers after the receipt of proposals properly certified by Assistant Sericulture Officer (ASOs) along with the supporting documents such as copy of the cocoon assessment details and market slip.
- 5) After receiving the report the Project Director should sanction the subsidy
- 6) Subsidy should be issued through crossed cheque.
- 7) Subsidy applications should be cross verified with the earlier records to avoid duplication
- 8) Entries should be made in the register and proper receipts should be obtained from the farmers. The receipts and registers should be submitted for verification
- 9) The Project Director should submit monthly distribution details and the utilisation certificate to the Commissioner before 5<sup>th</sup> of every month.

## 2. Maintenance and mechanization of existing mulberry garden

### a. Mechanization of existing Mulberry Garden.

For the effective implementation of large scale mulberry plantation and silkworm rearing, mechanization of farm is quite essential. Mechanization will in turn enable the farmers to cut down the labour requirement and thereby the labour cost. Hence this scheme is to support the farmers to purchase the farm implements such as mini tiller for mulberry plantation with 1 acre and above and a power weed cutter for mulberry plantation with ½ acre. The unit cost for the purchase of a power tiller is Rs. 60,000/- and that of weed cutter is Rs. 30,000/- respectively. 50% of the unit cost is given as subsidy.

Table 8

#### Assistance for mechanization of mulberry garden.

Sl No	Item	Specification	Eligibility	Maximum Subsidy eligible	Sharing pattern of the unit cost (State and beneficiary)
01	Mini Tiller	As per the requirement of farmer	1 acre and Above	Rs. 30,000/-	50:50
02	Power Weed Cutter	49.2cc 2 stroke Engine	50 cents and above	Rs. 15,000/-	50:50

#### Other requirements are

1. Well established mulberry plantation with the plants of minimum six months old in the case of direct plantation and three months old in the case of saplings transplantation are required for the subsidy.
2. A farmer with minimum of 50 cents of mulberry garden with required mulberry plants as per table. 1 and should be continuous silkworm rearer.
3. The farmers will eligible for subsidy of the purchase of mini Thriller power weeds.
4. Farmers who are eligible for the subsidy should submit an application in the prescribed format to the Project Director, Poverty Alleviation Unit of the respective district with the details machinery, cost incurred and purchase details.
5. The Assistant Sericulture Officer will verify the eligibility and recommend the application.
6. After receiving the eligibility report the Project Director should sanction the subsidy.
7. Subsidy should be issued through crossed cheque.
8. This subsidy is given only one time for a particular farmer for a mulberry garden. Subsidy applications should be cross verified with the earlier records to avoid duplication.

9. Entries should be made in the register and proper receipts should be obtained from the farmers. The receipts and registers should be submitted for verification.
10. The Project Director should submit monthly distribution details and the utilisation certificate to the Commissioner before 5<sup>th</sup> of every month.

**b. Support for Maintenance of Mulberry Garden for the Existing Sericulture Farmers.**

The scheme envisages extending support for maintenance of mulberry garden for the existing sericulture farmers to increase their productivity. The estimated cost for the maintenance of one mulberry garden is calculated as follows.

**Table -9**

Sl No	Particulars	Man days	Quantity	Rate	Total Cost
1	Intercultural operations*	116		Rs. 250.00	Rs. 29000.00
2	Weeding	8		Rs. 250.00	Rs. 2000.00
3	Farm Yard Manure **		8T	Rs. 500.00	Rs. 4000.00
4	FYM Application/labour	8		Rs. 250	Rs. 2000.00
5	Fertilizer Application		350kg	Rs. 10.00	Rs. 3500.00
6	Fert. Appl't Labour	4		Rs. 250.00	Rs. 1000.00
	Total				Rs. 41500.00
	Assistance @ 10%				Rs. 4150.00

Scheme is to extend support to a tune of 10% of the total cost estimated to Rs.4150/ ac as subsidy for the maintenance of one acre mulberry garden and on a pro rata basis.

**Table.10**

**Assistance for the maintenance of mulberry garden**

Sl No.	Mulberry Area (ac)	Unit Cost (Rs)	Total Subsidy 10% of unit cost (in Rs.)	Sharing of subsidy
				100% State share (in Rs.)
01	1 ac & Above	41,500	4,150	4,150
02	Above 50 cents and below 1 acre	20,750	2,075	2,075
03	Above 25 cents and below 50 cents	10,375	1,038	1,038



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**Other requirements are**

1. Well established mulberry plantation with the plants of minimum six months old in the case of direct plantation and three months old in the case of saplings transplantation are required for the subsidy.
2. A farmer with minimum of 25 cents of mulberry garden with required mulberry plants as per table.1 and should be a continuous silkworm rearer.
3. The farmer will be eligible for subsidy from second year and after four continuous rearing per year.
4. Farmers who are eligible for the subsidy should submit an application in the prescribed format to the Project Director, Poverty Alleviation Unit of the respective district with the details of the expenditure.
5. The Assistant Sericulture Officer will verify the eligibility and recommended the application.
6. After receiving the eligibility report the Project Director should sanction the subsidy.
7. Subsidy should be issued through crossed cheque.
8. This subsidy is given every year to assist the maintenance of the garden by the farmer.
9. Entries should be made in the register and proper receipts should be obtain from the farmers. The receipts and registers should be submitted for verification.
10. The Project Director should submit monthly distribution details and the utilisation certificate to the Commissioner before 5<sup>th</sup> of every month.

**Insurance Support**

**General**

Unit Cost	Subsidy amount (Rs) eligible (75%)	CSB 50% (Rs) share	State 25% (Rs) share
Rs. 2.50/DFL	1.87	1.25	0.62

**C. 100% centrally funded Schemes**

In the case of 100 per cent centrally funded scheme, Beneficiary Empowerment Programme will be implemented following the guidelines issued by Central Silk Board.

- (i) The implementation guidelines are to be strictly adhered. Any deviation should be avoided. Modification if needed means proper approval from the undersigned should be taken.
- (ii) The entire garden planted during erstwhile SERIFED are eligible for all the subsidies. The pending claims should be admitted after cross verification of the earlier records.

### **Release of Funds to Poverty Alleviation Units**

Commissioner for Rural Development will release the Central share by way of Demand Drafts or money transfer to the Project Director concerned. The State share will be released through the Assistant Development Commissioner (G) by authorizing the ADC (G) to draw and disburse the amount to Project Directors.

### **Maintenance of Accounts**

Separate accounts should be maintained by Project Directors of Poverty Alleviation Units for the funds provided for sericulture development programmes. This should not be issued with any ongoing Centrally Sponsored Schemes under implementation in the State. The accounts should be audited by the Chartered Accountant at the end of each year.