

Small Farm Mechanisation

Small farm mechanisation scheme was implemented by central government and sponsored by state government under agricultural department. It was introduced on 1/4/2009 and valid up to 31/3/2012. This scheme is intended for promotion of mechanization in agricultural sector by introducing suitable equipments and farm machineries with the primary aim of increasing productivity, minimizing cost of cultivation and overcoming difficulties caused by labour shortage in peak seasons. The following components will be implemented viz, Adoption of new suitable equipments/machineries & its popularization, Mechanization of Padasekhara Samithies, Research and Development supports to develop prototypes for specific purpose, Procuring Farm Machineries, Agricultural Engineering Service.

The objective of the scheme is to provide credit for the purchase of new tractor/new tractor for 2nd time/tractor renovation/repair/replacement of spares/small tractors (GOI) scheme/power tiller/thresher/power sprayer. Individual or groups can become the eligible borrower in this scheme. Minimum time for 2nd new tractor/renovation/repair is 3yrs from date of purchase of 1st tractor for 2nd new tractor & above 5yrs and below 12yrs from the date of manufacture for renovation/repair. Any farmer is eligible for availing this scheme through local self governments and agricultural department in their concerned Panchayat/municipalities/corporations.

Minimum land holding

Sly	Scheme	Land Holding
1	Tractor	8 acres
2	Small Tractor	6 acres
3	Power tiller	5 acres
4	Threshers Power Sprayers	Minimum land holding to make the investment viable

Minimum hours of productive work/year

Scheme	Hours
Tractor	1000
Power tiller	600
Threshers	315
Power sprayer	250
Small tractor	Minimum hrs to make investment viable

Maximum loan: Actual cost as evidenced by invoices/quotation/vouchers/bill. For repair loan is based on estimate of work from authorized service agency.

Margin:

Scheme	%gee of cost of machinery
1. New tractor Power tiller	15%
2. 2nd time new tractor/repair	30%
3. Small tractor (GOI) scheme	15%
4. Threshers/ Power sprayer	SF 5% MF 10% OF 15%

Repayment period:

Scheme	Years
1. Tractor/2nd time tractor	9 yrs
2. Repair of tractor	5 yrs
3. Thresher/power sprayer	12 yrs
4. Small tractor (GOI)	12 yrs
5. Power tiller	7 yrs

Interest rate: Interest rate will be fixed by Kerala State Co-operative Agricultural and Rural Development Bank (KSCARDB) from time to time, in accordance with the guidelines issued by RCS/NABARD/RBI

Security: As fixed by KSCARDB in the respective loan rules, in accordance with the guidelines issued by RCS/NABARD/RBI.

Reporting system: The monthly farm mechanization loan disbursement progress statement should be furnished to the apex bank in the prescribed formats.

Mode of Repayment: In equated installments.

References

<http://www.keralalandbank.org/html/arfarm.htm>

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