

Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana

Concerned by the slow growth in the Agriculture and allied sectors, the National Development Council (NDC), in its meeting held on 29th May, 2007 resolved that a special Additional Central Assistance Scheme (RKVY) be launched. The NDC resolved that agricultural development strategies must be reoriented to meet the needs of farmers and called upon the Central and State governments to evolve a strategy to rejuvenate agriculture. The NDC reaffirmed its commitment to achieve 4 per cent annual growth in the agricultural sector during the 11th plan.

Basic Features of the RKVY

The RKVY aims at achieving 4% annual growth in the agriculture sector during the XI Plan period, by ensuring a holistic development of Agriculture and allied sectors. The main objectives of the scheme are:

- (i) To incentivize the states so as to increase public investment in Agriculture and allied sectors.
- (ii) To provide flexibility and autonomy to states in the process of planning and executing Agriculture and allied sector schemes.
- (iii) To ensure the preparation of agriculture plans for the districts and the states based on agro-climatic conditions, availability of technology and natural resources.
- (iv) To ensure that the local needs/crops/priorities are better reflected in the agricultural plans of the states.
- (v) To achieve the goal of reducing the yield gaps in important crops, through focussed interventions.
- (vi) To maximize returns to the farmers in Agriculture and allied sectors.
- (vii) To bring about quantifiable changes in the production and productivity of various components of Agriculture and allied sectors by addressing them in a holistic manner.

PROJECTS APPROVED UNDER RKVY IN KERALA

- ‘Surabhi’ Health Care Kits for enhancing milk production
- Mechanization of commercial dairy farms
- Calf feed subsidy scheme
- Gramasree-Assistance to egg nurseries

Surabhi’ Health Care Kits for enhancing milk production

Objectives:

- Enhance the milk production @ 0.2 liter per cow per day
- 0.2 L X 300 Days X 1 Lakh cows = 0.6 croreLiters of Milk
Generate extra income of 12 croreper year

Beneficiaries:

- 1 lakh beneficiaries

Area of Implementation:

- 1000 local bodies of the 14 districts of Kerala

Mechanization of commercial dairy farms

Objectives:

- Modernize 100 existing commercial dairy farms
- Reduce cost of production through mechanization of farms

Beneficiaries

- 100 beneficiaries.
- Farmers with more than 10 cows

Subsidy

- @ of 48% and 52% will be beneficiary contribution or bank loan

Area of implementation

Ernakulam, Idukki, Kottayam, Alapuzha, Pathanamthitta,
Kollam and Thiruvananthapuram

Calf feed subsidy scheme

Beneficiaries

- 15000 beneficiaries.

Area of implementation

- Selected local bodies

Subsidy

- @ of 50% of feed cost

Gramasree-Assistance to egger nurseries

Objectives

- Increase the availability of chicks for backyard poultry rearing
- Assistance to start a new unit of 1000 birds to the existing egger nurseries and selected new ones.

Beneficiaries

- 300 individuals from 14 districts [182 are existing egger nursery owners who are willing to start another unit]

Subsidy

- @ of Rs 50000 per beneficiary