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Payment of Cash Subsidy for Paddy Land Owned Farmers to Purchase Fertilizer for " Maha " Season 2016 / 2017

The circular which includes instructions and matters connected with the payment of cash subsidy for paddy cultivation during the season 2016 /17 "Maha" is attached herewith and you are kindly requested to take action to make aware of the relevant parties on the contents of the circular, so that implementing the scheme smoothly.

Your cooperation in this regard is highly appreciated.

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Implementation of Budget Proposals

Granting Cash Subsidy to Paddy Land Owned Farmers to Purchase Fertilizer - ('Maha' Season - 2016 / 17)

1. Subsidy Policy

- 1.1 Paddy land owned farmers are entitled to a cash subsidy of Rs. 25,000.00 per one hectare per year subject to the maximum of Rs. 50,000.00 per year.
- 1.2 Accordingly a farmer who owned 01 ha of paddy land will received Rs. 12,500.00 for 'Yala' season and Rs. 12,500.00 for 'Maha' season and a farmer who owned 02 hectares will receive Rs. 25,000.00 for Yala season and Rs. 25,000.00 for Maha season.
- 1.3 For easy calculation of the cash subsidy entitled by the farmer at the rate of Rs. 12,500.00 per 01 ha and Rs. 25,000.00 per 02 ha for one cultivation season. Please refer the table given at the end of this letter.
- 1.4 As per decision taken at the 'Kanna' meeting and with the concurrence of the Department of Agrarian Development this cash subsidy may be given for other crop cultivations in those paddy lands during the respective season depending on the pre decided extent of the land so as not to disturb paddy cultivation in the next season.
- 1.5 Farmers who are entitled to subsidy for tea, rubber, coconut and other field crops (potato, onion, chili, soya bean and maize) will not receive this subsidy.
- 1.6 The maximum retail price of a 50 kg bag of strait fertilizer - i.e. Urea, T.S.P. and M.O.P. is Rs. 2,500.00 and the state fertilizer companies and private companies will make arrangements for farmers to purchase fertilizer at their own residential area through the sale agents of state and private sector fertilizer companies, Agrarian Service Centres and mobile sale vehicles.

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- 1.7 Farmers, who applied and obtained cash grants but not cultivated during 'Yala' season, will not entitle for 'Maha' season cash subsidy grants. However farmers who cultivated part of the applied land area will receive the cash grant in proportionate to the extent of land he / she has cultivated.
- 1.8 To obtain this cash subsidy, it is compulsory for farmers to have registered their paddy lands at the Grama Niladhari Divisional Level within the Agrarian Service Centre areas. Copies of that registration shall be displayed at Grama Niladhari / Agrarian Research and Production Assistants' offices for easy granting of the cash subsidy. With regard to Mahaweli lands the numbers appearing in land identification registers available with the Mahaweli Unit Manager shall be used for this purpose.

2. Applying for Cash Subsidy and Making Recommendations

- 2.1 The paddy land owned farmers should apply for cash subsidy only through the application from issued by the Agriculture Research and Production Assistant, Grama Niladhari or Mahaweli Unit Manager. It is compulsory for inclusion in the application (from 1 – 16) all particulars of the farmer (excluding the Google Mapping Code Number) which require to establish the entitlement of the farmer for cash subsidy.
- 2.1.1 If the application is submitted for the first time without cultivating 'Yala' season 2016, it is compulsory for inclusion in the application correctly name and address, N.I.C. Number, extent for cultivation (in acres), information to easily find out the location of the land (Excluding Google mapping Code No.), his/her owned photograph and Bank Account to establish the entitlement.
- 2.1.2 Farmers who have handed over applications with his/her photograph when applying subsidy for 'Yala' season, it is not compulsory the pasting of the photograph. However in instances where the applicant is not the owner of the land, pasting of a photograph is compulsory.
- 2.1.3 Farmers who do not possess a N.I.C. couldn't enter this subsidy scheme. In such instances, a replacement should be named until an arrangement is made to obtain the National Identity Card.
- 2.2 As farmers who are receiving subsidy for field crops, tea, coconut and rubber are not entitled for this subsidy, Agriculture Research and Production Assistant in the respective

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- areas or Grama Niladhari who are covering such duties in areas where ARPAs are not employed or Unit Managers in Mahaweli areas are responsible for making recommendations by personally looking in to the entitlement of cash subsidy.
- 2.3 Cash subsidy is credited only to an active account of the Bank of Ceylon, Peoples Bank, Regional Development Bank and National Savings Bank. If there is an active account in any of these banks, opening of a new account is not necessary. However farmers should be advised to keep those accounts active in future. Furthermore it is compulsory for farmers to attach photo copies of the N.I.C. and the page of the pass book on which the name and account number are appearing.
- 2.4 The duly filled application with the recommendation of the relevant farmer organization of which the applicant is a member should be handed over before 15.09.2016 to Agriculture Research and Production Assistant or to Grama Niladhari who has been appointed to co-ordinate fertilizer distribution in areas where no such officers are employed or to Unit Manager in respect of Mahaweli Commend areas. Farmers who do not forward applications on due date will not receive cash subsidy.
- 2.5 It is the responsibility of the ARPA / Grama Niladhari / Mahaweli Unit Manager to ensure not to submit applications bearing the same serial number / application number.
- 2.6 All officers should be extremely careful not to issue subsidy cash grant on false information.
- 2.7 Subsidy may be recommended for any specific land only to one person among the land owner, tenant farmer, lease farmer, cultivator or a cultivator on roster basis and all officers should exercise extreme care not to recommend subsidy twice for and the same land included in the land register.
- 3. Establishment of accuracy of the application and preparation summary reports**
Functions of Agrarian Research and Production Assistants / Grama Niladharies / Mahaweli Unit Managers and functions of Agrarian Development Officers
- 3.1 Agriculture Research and Production Assistant / Grama Niladhari / Mahaweli Unit Manager should ensure that information included in the applications for fertilizer subsidy submitted by farmers are correct and that photo copies of the N.I.C. and Pass Book have been attached and that organic fertilizer are being used for paddy cultivation and should

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