

Government of Manipur  
Secretariat : Planning Department

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**  
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**CHIEF MINISTER'S FARMER LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT  
SCHEME (CMFLSS)**

**No. PLG1/1/2024-PLG-PLANNIG** : The State Government has formulated a new Scheme namely "Chief Minister's Farmer Livelihood Support Scheme (CMFLSS) as to supplement and support to the Farmers in the State to meet the identified gaps which cannot be met in the short-term by the existing sources of funding and to provide coordinated, focused, flexible, quick add short term support for Agriculture and Allied Sector-based livelihood activities. The scheme will also facilitate market linkage and credit linkage. A copy of the Scheme Guideline is at **ANNEXURE**.

2. This is issued with the concurrence of FD vide U.O. No. 03/2023-24/FD(30-P/23), dated the 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

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## **GUIDELINES OF CHIEF MINISTER'S FARMER LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT SCHEME (CMFLSS)**

### **1. Introduction**

Manipur is endowed with a varied topography and agroclimatic conditions which offer vast potential for agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry and forestry. Some of the major issues and challenges directly relating to the agricultural and allied sector are - small and fragmented land-holdings, lack of quality seed and planting materials, imbalance use of fertilizers, limited irrigation facility, lack of mechanization, disease and pest problems etc. Besides, a significant quantity of products harvested in Manipur can be provided value addition by providing adequate storage and processing facility and marketing linkages. More awareness about the benefits of modern technology and skill are required to be imparted to face the challenges faced by the farmers.

Chief Minister's Farmer Livelihood Support Scheme (CMFLSS) is taken up to meet the identified gaps which cannot be met in the short-term by the existing sources of funding and to provide coordinated, focussed, flexible, quick and short-term support for agriculture and allied sector-based livelihood activities. CMFLSS shall be taken up in a mission mode to provide livelihood to farmers in the agriculture and allied sector by assuring timely input and facilitating market linkage of their products.

### **2. Mission Objectives**

The CMFLSS intends to achieve the following objectives :

- (a) To bridge gaps which cannot be met in short term by any source of funding/schemes under the Central or State Governments and supplement the existing schemes of GOI and Government of Manipur.
- (b) To provide coordinated, focused, flexible, quick and short-term support for agriculture-based livelihood activities
- (c) To coordinate efforts of all departments involved in Agriculture and Allied Activities.
- (d) To coordinate funding from different sources including convergence

### **3. Support and Interventions**

To achieve the objectives, CMFLSS shall provide following support and interventions :

- (a) To facilitate market linkage and credit linkage,
- (b) Provide financial assistance to assetless tenant farmers owning no agricultural land in the State of Manipur.
- (c) Provide demand-based interventions

- (d) Involve private sector through PPP (Public Private Partnership) wherever feasible and support Farmers Producer Organisations/ Progressive Farmers.

#### **4. Jurisdiction of the scheme**

The scheme will be implemented all over Manipur

#### **5. Institutional Structure**

##### **5.1 Empowered Committee (EC)**

The Empowered Committee will be responsible for approval of assistance, overall monitoring of the progress of the scheme, approval of the scheme guidelines, provide policy direction, and approve necessary changes, if any. The empowered committee shall function under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary with the following compositions:

|      |                                                      |                  |
|------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| I    | Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur               | Chairman         |
| II   | Administrative Secretary, Planning, Govt. of Manipur | Member           |
| III  | Director (Agriculture)                               | Member           |
| IV   | Director (Horticulture)                              | Member           |
| V    | Director (Sericulture)                               | Member           |
| VI   | Director (Veterinary and Animal Husbandry)           | Member           |
| VII  | Chief Executive Officer, SLNA for Watershed          | Member           |
| VIII | Representative of Lead Bank, SBS & Funding Bank      | Member           |
| IX   | Representative of CAU                                | Member           |
| X    | Director (Planning)                                  | Member Secretary |

##### **5.2. Mentoring Group**

A mentoring group will be established under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur with the members from Government Sector, Retired scientists/professionals, experts from private sectors in Agriculture and allied sector. The mentor group will guide the Planning Department and CEO, SLNA for implementation of the scheme.

##### **5.3. Implementing Group**

An Implementing group under the style of Farmer's Support Cell shall be established under the chair of the Director (Planning) in the Planning Department. The convenor of the Support cell shall be CEO/SCLNA and the members shall be five representatives of farmer groups and entrepreneurs from the agriculture and allied sectors.

#### **5.4. Facilitator Group**

Entrepreneurs/farmer groups/ FPOs empanelled shall provide handholding and mentoring the village farmer organisations in their activities of production and marketing.

#### **6. Modalities of Support and Interventions:**

- 6.1. The support and interventions shall be provided to individual farmers through DBT and farmer groups through PFMS. The farmers shall group and form Village Farmer Organisations (VFO), which shall be legal entity formed by primary producers in agriculture and allied sector at village level as Co-operative Society. The VFO shall act as feeder/member to various Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs).
- 6.2. Entrepreneurs and farmer organisations under agriculture and allied sector shall be empanelled as members of the facilitator group and they shall be responsible for forming and handholding the VFOs including forward and backward linkage.
- 6.3. The facilitator group shall work under the supervision of the Farmer Support Cell of the nodal department.
- 6.4. The support and interventions shall be in the forms of
  - a) Forming and registration of the Village Farmers Organisation (VFO) at the village level
  - b) Support for inputs and implements
  - c) Coordinate with the various departments ensuring of irrigation and other infrastructure supports necessary for agriculture and allied activities.
  - d) Facilitate/Support for marketing.
  - e) Awareness cum Training of new technology
  - f) Guidance and help for getting support from various central schemes of state government schemes in Agriculture and allied sectors.

#### **7. Beneficiaries of the Scheme**

- a) Assetless tenant farmers owning no land of their own
- b) Village Farmer Organisations (VFOs) of farmers at village level
- c) Entrepreneurs and organisations working to support farmers at grassroot level (empanelled).

#### **8. Benefits under this scheme:**

##### **8.1. Individual Farmers**

- i. Assetless tenant farmers upto to a limit of Rs.20000 for non-credit linked application for use in farm activities.

- ii. Assetless tenant farmers upto to a limit of Rs 40000 for credit linked application or matching bank loan amount **whichever is less for use in farm activities.**

## **8.2. Village Farmer Organisations at village level**

- i. Financial support for registration
- ii. Financial support of Rs 1500/ per month (including office rent of not more than Rs 500/ per month) for 3 years for running the Co-operative Society

## **8.3. Entrepreneurs and organisers working to support farmers at grassroot level.**

- i. Running of the projects in agriculture and allied sector in PPP model wherever feasible.
- ii. Financial support for handholding, networking and backward and forward linkage of VPOs limited to Rs. 3 lakhs per annum.

## **9. Eligibility criteria**

- i. Assetless tenant farmers (to be identified by land owner and authenticated by Sub Divisional Officer concerned (as per his activity e.g. farming, poultry, piggery etc) of the allied department.
- ii. Farmer with land holding below 1 hectare (to be supported by land documents Jamabandi).
- iii. Permanent resident of the state (must produce permanent residency certificate issued by concerned District Magistrate/ Additional District Magistrate).
- iv. Not availed any agriculture and allied activities scheme under the Government of Manipur in the last 3 financial year
- v. CMFLS card will be provided to eligible family. For the purpose of this scheme, family will be taken as a unit composed of husband, wife and minor children.

## **10. Exclusion Criteria for registration:**

- i. Landholding of 1 ha and above
- ii. All present and former constitutional post holders (member of legislative assemblies, member of parliament, both urban and rural local bodies, Autonomous District Councils)
- iii. All Government of employees (both state and central) excluding group D employees, contract employees, PSU, Cooperation and pensioners who fulfil the income criteria given below

- iv. Family income more than Rs 20,000 pm or Rs 2.4 lakh pa from all sources (Applicant will need to enclose an income certificate issued by SDC concerned)

#### **11. CMFLSS portal**

Nodal Department will develop and maintain a CMFLSS portal Eligible farmers, FVOs under this scheme will be allowed to register on the CMFLS portal after verification by the allied Departments.

#### **12. CMFLSS Card**

- a) A smart card shall be issued to the beneficiaries of the scheme in collaboration with a Smart Card Service Provider.
- b) Only one CMFLS card will be provided per eligible family. For the purpose of this scheme, family will be taken as a unit composed of husband, wife and minor children.

#### **13. Nodal Department**

Planning Department, Government of Manipur shall be the Nodal Department for the implementation of the scheme.

#### **Definition**

**Nodal Department** : Planning Department, Government of Manipur.

**Allied Departments** : Agri, Horti, Veterinary, Sericulture, MI, CADA and any similar Departments connected with the scheme/work/ inputs for which the farmer applied.

**Family** : Family will be taken as a unit composed of husband, wife and minor children.