

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL AID TO COCONUT NURSERY

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF RIGHT PLANTING MATERIALS

Coconut being a perennial crop, which has a lifespan of 80 to 100 year, equivalent to the lifetime of a human being, selection of right planting material is of utmost importance in coconut cultivation. Quality seednuts and seedlings are obtained through rigorous selection at various stages. Some important selection criteria are given below:

- * The palm should be free from rootwilt and other diseases.
- * The palm should be regular bearers with an annual yield of more than 80 nuts per year and minimum copra content of 150g per nut.
- * Palm should have at least 30 fully opened leaves at the crown.
- * Leave should have short, strong petioles with wide leafbase firmly attached to the stem. Their arrangement should provide support to the bunches.
- * Each leaf axil should have one inflorescence with large number of spikes and one or two female flowers per spike.
- * Bunch stalk should be short, stout and strong.
- * Palms which produce barren nuts or those shedding large number of nuts in the immature stage should be discarded.
- * Collect seednuts from February to May
- * Harvest only fully matured nuts (11 months old)
- * Nuts should not be damaged while harvesting.
- * Discard nuts having irregular shape and size.



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1. Name of the applicant (In block letters) :
2. Address of the applicant (In block letters) :
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3. Location (exact route of approach to the nursery) :
4. Whether belongs to SC/ST :
5. State whether the applicant is a Co-operative Society/NGO/KVK or any other development agency, if so give the Register Number :
6. If the unit is financed by bank, give details
 - a) Name of the Bank & Branch :
 - b) Total cost of project sanctioned :
 - c) Amount of loan sanctioned :
 - d) Subsidy required by the applicant :
7. Details of proposed coconut nursery :
 - a) Area (ha) :
 - b) Survey No. and Name of village, taluk & district:
 - c) Number of seedlings proposed to be produced per year :
 - d) Details of seed nuts to be sown

Sl. No.	Variety	No.of nuts	Source* (Govt./ local procurement)
1.	WCT		
2.	Hybrids (TxD/ DxT)		
3.	Dwarf (COD, CDG, MDG)		
4.	Other approved cultivars if any		
	Total		

(* If the procurement is from Govt. source, the details such as name of the farm / no. of nuts to be procured shall be furnished. If the procurement is to be done locally, details such as name of the Panchayat / Village where the mother palms are to be selected. List of mother palms identified etc. shall be attached separately.)

- e) Whether the source has been approved by Nursery Monitoring committee :
8. Cost estimate for the nursery :
- I. Fixed cost/Non-recurring expenses

<u>Item</u>	<u>Expenditure incurred (Rs.)</u>
a) Fencing	:
b) Permanent shade	:
c) Land development	:
d) Irrigation facilities (Pumpset/Sprinkler)	:
Total	:

II. Cost estimate for production of coconut seedlings(Recurring expenses)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Expenditure incurred (Rs.)</u>
a) Cost of seednuts	:
b) Transportation charges	:
c) Cost of polythene bag/shade etc.	:
d) Cost of sand	:
e) Cost of pesticide	:
f) Labour charges for seed bed preparation	:
g) Labour charges for irrigation,weeding, application of PP chemicals, etc.	:
h) Other miscellaneous expenses if any (specify)	:
Total	:
III. Proposed price of seedling	:

Declaration of applicant

I/We. S/o/W/o/D/o/M/s. address.
..... hereby declare that the information furnished above is true and correct and I/We shall abide by the terms and conditions prescribed by the Coconut Development Board for availing financial assistance for establishing coconut nursery. I / We had not availed finance / subsidy from any other Government agency for establishing the nursery.

Place:

Date:

Signature of the applicant

Certificate

(Certificate of Agriculture/Horticulture Officer of State Govt/Technical officers of the Board)

I Shri./Smt. have inspected the coconut nursery of the above applicant.The applicant has identified a suitable site for establishing the nursery in an area covering ha, with a production capacity of seedlings per year. The source of procurement has been approved by the Nursery Monitoring Committee.

(Office Seal)

(Signature)

Place :

Name & Designation of the Officer

Date :

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Verifying officer's remarks

Name and Designation

Order of the Chairman

Sanctioned Rs. (Rupees.
..... only)

Chairman
Coconut Development Board, Kochi

OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY BASED COCONUT NURSERY

1. The Community Coconut Nursery programme will be implemented by the Coconut Development Board, through the State Department of Agriculture / Horticulture and with the active participation of Panchayats, NGOs', Agro-Clinics, ATMA, Farmers Group etc.
2. Nursery can be owned individually or on community basis by Self Help Groups and raised in own land / leased land (in case of lease land, lease period should not be less than 5 years) or in the Panchayat land in case the nursery is managed by a Panchayat.
3. There should be a minimum extent of 25 cents for sowing 10,000 seed nuts and producing 6250 seedlings per annum at 60-65 percent recovery.
4. In root wilt affected areas in Kerala the seednuts shall be procured from elite disease free mother palms by visual observation. The mother palm should be between 25 to 60 years of age, consistently bearing and having an average yield of more than 80 nuts in a year. The mother palm should have at least 30 fully opened leaves on the crown and short and strong bunch stalks. Trees with crown having leaf orientation to all directions and generally known as 'umbrella shape' should be identified. In other areas mother palms shall be identified from a good garden.
5. Krishi Bhavans / Agriculture / Horticulture offices of the concerned states will give wide publicity and initiate action to get elite mother palms having the characteristics mentioned in para 4 registered with the Department of Agriculture for building up a reliable source of quality seed nuts.
6. The mother palms can also be identified locally by involving farmers groups and other local agencies. In such cases, the trees identified will be inspected and finally selected by a Nursery Monitoring Committee consisting of the Agriculture Officer of the local Krishi Bhavan, Scientist from Regional Research Station of SAU or CPCRI or an official from the Coconut Development Board and a member representing the Panchayat or farmers group. The local Agriculture Officer will take action to constitute the Nursery Monitoring Committee.
7. After identification of the mother palms, the beneficiary should submit an application in the format enclosed along with a brief project report and a demand draft for an amount of Rs.500/- towards application fee drawn in favour of Coconut Development Board. Application without the project report and the demand draft for Rs.500/- will not be considered.
8. The seednuts shall be procured by the beneficiary either from the approved mother palms or from available Govt. sources.
9. The Monitoring Committee will be responsible for the certification of the seedlings prior to disposal.
10. The nursery can be operated by availing short term loan from scheduled bank / co-operative banks or any other recognized financial institutions or by own finance. Preference will however be given to credit linked nursery programme.
11. The financial assistance @ Rs.50,000/- (Rs.25,000/- each for 1st and 2nd installment) for producing 6250 Nos. of quality seedlings per annum being 25% of the cost of seednuts, transportation, maintenance of the nursery and for creation of other infrastructure facilities for the nursery shall be released in 2 instalments as back ended subsidy in the case of credit limited programme. The first installment will be released after sowing of seed nuts and the second installment will be released in the second year after sowing of seednuts and certification of the seedlings of first year sowing by the Nursery Monitoring Committee.
12. Each nursery shall maintain a mother palm register for recording the details of the palms from which seed nuts were collected. They shall also maintain a Nursery Register for recording the nuts sown, germination details, recovery of seedlings and details of disposal of seedlings along with name and address of the buyers / farmers for future verification.
13. From the applications received the beneficiaries shall finally be selected by the Board based on risk-bearing ability, repaying capacity, professional background and experience. The application fee of Rs.500/- shall not be refunded in any case.
14. Nurseries which strictly adhere to these guidelines and which operate satisfactorily for a period of 5 years will be considered for the accreditation programme of the Coconut Development Board.