

National Bamboo Mission - Proposals invited from farmers for setting up Bamboo Nursery and Bamboo Plantation in the Annual Plan 2019-20

National Bamboo Mission under the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India has invited applications for setting up Bamboo Nursery and Bamboo Plantation during the Financial Year 2019-2020.

Kerala State Bamboo Mission (KSBM) functioning at Kerala Bureau of Industrial Promotion (K-BIP) is the Bamboo Development Agency (BDA) of the State for implementation of the National Bamboo Mission programmes.

Financial assistance is provided for interventions / activities with the unit cost / subsidy component as per the prescribed cost norms of National Bamboo Mission. The extracts of Operational guidelines of NBM is mentioned below:

Sl.No.	Component	Maximum Cost	Pattern of assistance
1.	Setting up Bamboo Nursery including strengthening (Project Based)	Hi-tech (2 Ha) – Rs.50 Lakhs Big (1 Ha) – Rs.16 Lakhs Small (0.5 Ha) – Rs.10 Lakhs	50% of cost to private sector as Credit Linked back ended subsidy
2.	High density Bamboo plantation on Govt./ Panchayath / Community land including waste lands	Rs.1.00 Lakh per Ha over a period of 3 years.	50% of the cost upto 2 Ha (<3000 plants), 20% of the cost for 2-4 Ha (upto 10,000 plants) over 3 years (50:30:20). For plantation above 4 Ha no subsidy will be provided. Maintenance funds will be linked to performance (survival % as mentioned below Note (i))
3.	Block plantation / boundary plantation on farmers field	Rs.1.00 Lakh per Ha (equivalent to Rs.240 per plant)	50% of the cost of Private Sector over 3 years (50:30:20). Maintenance funds will be linked to performance (survival % as mentioned below Note (ii))

Note:

All plantations are to be geo-referenced.

- i. High density plantations: the species to be planted would be as per the approved plan. Certified planting material to be used so as to ensure quality and high yields. For plants per hectare refer Annexure IV. Adequate arrangement for irrigation and fertigation should be made. Maintenance funds in subsequent 2 years shall be linked to survival percentage - minimum 80% after 1st year and 100% after 2nd year, with replacement saplings of the same age as that of the remaining surviving ones.
- ii. Block plantation/boundary plantations on farmers' fields: Expected numbers would be 375-450 plants per ha at least. It should be ensured that certified planting material of desired species is provided to the farmers along with proper agronomic practices so as to maximize overall returns from bamboo + agricultural crops. Maintenance in subsequent 2 years shall be linked to survival percentage - minimum 80% after 1st year and 100% after 2nd year, with replacement saplings of the same age as that of the remaining surviving ones.

Those who wish to implement the above scheme of National Bamboo Mission may forward their proposals to Kerala State Bamboo Mission, K-BIP, #2, Vidhya Nagar, Opp. Police ground, Thycaud P.O., Thiruvananthapuram, Pin- 695014, Tel: 0471- 2321882, Fax: 0471-2322883, e-mail ID: kbip@keralaindustry.org on or before March 15, 2019.

The proposals received will be placed in the State Level Executive Committee (SLEC). Those proposals approved by the SLEC will be recommended and submitted to the National Bamboo Mission, New Delhi for inclusion in Annual Action Plan 2019-2020 of the State for their consideration and approval.