

## **Notice inviting Application for the scheme “Integrated Farming (IF)” Laying out of Demonstration Plots (LoDP) in farmers field – DI - Kerala – 2024-25**

Coconut Development Board invites Applications / proposals in the prescribed format, from the interested farmers' Collectives of the districts, where coconut is cultivated as a predominant crop, for the direct implementation of Board's prestigious programme “IF” LoDP in farmers field on cluster basis, for the improvement of the Production & productivity of the existing gardens, through the farmer participatory approach, during 2024-25, abiding with the Rule & Regulations of the Board.

The objective of the programme is to improve production and productivity of the coconut holdings through an integrated approach.

Financial Assistance is limited to Rs.35,000/- per ha (100% central assistance) in two equal annual installments depending on the activities undertaken in the coconut gardens with a view to demonstrate the technologies for improving the productivity and income through Integrated Farming, with all possible convergence with other suitable schemes.

The financial assistance is limited to the cost of critical inputs, planting materials of intercrops, green manure seeds, plant protection chemicals etc. Expenses on labour component, other rental services, development of infrastructure, etc. are not considered under the scheme.

Being the demonstration of the productivity improvement through application of critical inputs is the primary activity under the scheme, the funds for the same shall not be diverted for other inputs/ components.

### **Terms & Conditions**

The application /proposal should be submitted in the prescribed format only.

Active Coconut Farmer Clusters and other FPOs can apply for the programme.

The application from the Coconut Farmer Cluster will not be considered if the farmers have already availed benefits under the LoDP or R & R schemes of the Board, either directly implemented by the CDB or through the State Department, during the past 5 years.

Coconut should be a predominant crop in the proposed cluster & which has to cover an area of minimum 80 % of the total cultivated area of that cluster.

The proposed cluster area should be contiguous in nature with clear natural boundaries on all four sides. The cluster area should be within a range of 25 ha to 200 ha.

All the coconut Farmers who have a minimum of 10 yielding palms within the cluster should be enrolled as beneficiaries of the scheme, irrespective of their membership in CPS/CPF/CPC or any other FPOs.

All the eligible coconut holdings in the area shall be covered so as to enable the cluster level approach of implementation.

All the farmers in the proposed cluster should be ready to adopt scientific cultivation practices (INM, IPM, IDM & IWM), which include application of the chemical fertilizers / PPC etc.

All farmers in the proposed cluster should be ready to adopt Basin opening, shade regulation and application of green leaves, organic manure/FYM etc at the onset of the monsoon, at their own cost.

The applications from the CFCs, with inappropriate areas for coconut cultivation within the cluster such as, water logged / converted paddy field / low lying area, thickly populated with wild trees etc., will not be considered for the programme.

Assistance under the scheme will be limited to a maximum area of 1 ha per beneficiary (175 palms/ ha). The funds required over & above the CDB allocation, if any, have to be borne by the farmer to provide the same scientific management practices to the coconut palms not covered under the scheme.

If selected, the CFC will have to authorize CDB to adjust the eligible subsidy amount under the scheme with the inputs supplied on credit basis and to effect the payment directly to a/c of the Input suppliers.

Priority will be given to the Coconut Farmer Clusters where similar schemes of CDB were not implemented earlier.

CDB will identify the suitable area / CFC for implementation of the scheme during 2024-25, based on the merit & scope of the valid proposals received and in accordance with the budgetary allocation with special focus to identified thrust areas.

The authority for the selection of Coconut Farmers Cluster for the implementation of the scheme is vested with CDB and the decision of the Chairman / CEO will be final in this regard.

Incomplete applications & applications without requisite documents will be summarily rejected.

If preliminarily selected, the cluster area to be surveyed by the CFC and all the basic data of the garden/ farmers shall be recorded in the prescribed format through a base line survey. The data collected from the base line survey is required to be compiled and entered in the prescribed Excel format within the specified time frame, at their own risk and cost.

An abstract project should be prepared by the CFC and submitted to Board within the stipulated time.

**The applications / Proposals should reach the CDB HQ, Kochi on or before 5 pm of 28.06.2024. The application may be addressed to The Chief Executive Officer, Coconut Development Board, Kerabhavan, S.R.V. Road, Ernakulam 682 011.** The applications / Proposals received after the stipulated time will not be considered.

For further details, please contact the Development section of CDB, Head quarters, Kochi on all working days between 9.30 AM - 5.00 PM (0484 2377266, 0484 2377267).

**APPLICATION / ABSTRACT PROPOSAL**  
**for the scheme "IF" LoDP in Farmers' Field - DI**  
**in.....District, KERALA, during the year 2024 - 25**

Sl. No	Taluk	Block	Municipality /Panchayath	Krishi Bhavan
1	Name of the Coconut Farmers Cluster			
2	Name, Postal address & Mobile number of authorized contact persons of CFC			
3	Extend of Area of the proposed CFC (Ha)		Total	Under coconut cultivation
4	Number of coconut palms proposed		Yielding	Non Yielding
5	Number of coconut farmers enrolled as beneficiaries			
6	Whether CFC is formed in Contiguous area & having clear and definite boundaries		Yes	No
7	Working area /Jurisdiction of CFC (Cluster Map showing boundaries in four side to be submitted in separate sheet)			
	Boundaries of the Coconut Farmer Cluster			
	<b>East</b>			
	<b>West</b>			
	<b>North</b>			
	<b>South</b>			
8	Whether Coconut is a predominant crop in the CFC <i>(at least covering 80% of total area)</i>		Yes	No
	% of Coconut growing area of the CFC			
9	Whether Coconut is cultivated in Contiguous manner		Yes	No
10	Total number of farmers in the proposed CFC			
11	Number of coconut farmers in the proposed CFC			
12	Type of farmers included under the scheme		CPS / CPF members	All coconut farmers

13	Annual Production of coconuts (Previous year)		Nuts
14	Annual Productivity (Previous year)		Nuts / ha.
15	Number of irrigated gardens in the CFC		
16	Source & Method of Irrigation	Pond, Well, Others..... Drip/ Sprinkler/ Hose / Basin/ channel/ flood / others	
17	Soil Type		
18	Nutrient status of the soil		
19	Topography of the proposed CFC area	Hilly / Semi sloppy / Level / Paddy field / Converted land / Low lying & water logged area	
20	Management of Coconut gardens (previous 2 years)	Very Good / Good / Average / Neglected	
	Name of the Agricultural Inputs used for palms	Furnish in the columns below	
	Name & (Qty/Kgs.)	Name & Qty/kgs.)	Name & (Qty/Kgs.)
21	Infestation of Pests & diseases which were influenced in the production / productivity		
	i	Pests RPW / RB / MITE / WHITE FLY /	
	ii	Disease BUD ROT / STEM BLEEDING / TANJORE WILT / FRUIT ROT / LEAF ROT /	
	iii	Others (specify the pest / disease)	
22	Measures taken for the Management of		
	i	Pests	
	ii	Diseases	
23	Name of 4 Major crops grown in the CFC area with approximate % of coverage		
24	Name of the Intercrops grown in the coconut garden CFC with approximate area of each crop	Ginger, Turmeric, Banana	Colocasia, Yam, Tapioca
		Vegetable/ Tubers	Arecanut, Nutmeg, Cocoa
		Others(specify)	
25	Other trees in the CFC area	Teak, Mahagani,	Wild trees, Shady trees
		Mango. Jack,	Rubber, Cashew
26	Transportation facility to the CFC		
27	Scope for Demonstration		
28	Whether the CFC assisted under LoDP / R & R during last 5 Years either from CDB or Agricultural Department	Yes	No
		(Attach a certificate from the local Agricultural Officer)	
29	Name of the Facilitating Agency ( F.A)		

30	Name, Postal address & Mobile number of authorized contact persons of FA				
31	Category of F A		ICAR institutes / SAUs / KVKs / Sate Agri. / Horti Department / Farmers Collectives		
32	Community based operations under taken by FA / CFC during last 5 years				
33	Establishment of Modern Copra Dryer		Yes	No	
	i	Year of Establishment	Capacity M.T / Day	Established by	
				CPS / CPF/ CPC	
34	Value addition of coconut / By products				
	Name of Product		Production in Metric Ton / Year		
			2020 - 21	2022 - 23	2023 - 24
	i				
	ii				
	iii				
	iv				
v					
35	No of Seedlings Produced under Govt.schemes		Yes	No	
		During the year (Nos.)	2020 - 21	2022 - 23	2023 - 24
	i	CDB assisted			
	ii				
	iii				
36	CDB Reg no & validity of F A (if any)				
37	CDB Reg no & validity of CFC (if any)				
38	Whether the CFC is willing to enroll all coconut farmers from the proposed cluster area as beneficiaries.		Yes	No	
39	Whether the CFC is Willing to undertake the scheme implementation abide by the Rules & regulations of the Board		Yes	No	
40	Whether the CFC is willing to adopt scientific management practices in all coconut gardens of the proposed CFC, including application of Chemical fertilizer and PPC.		Yes	No	
41	Whether the CFC is willing to undertake the basin making to all the coconut palms in the proposed CFC		Yes	No	
42	Willingness to undertake the shade regulation operations in the proposed CFC		Yes	No	
43	Whether the CFC is willing to regulate the area & Borders of the CFC, as per CDB norms, if required,		Yes	No	

44	Why the CFC should be considered for implementation of scheme - LoDP - DI	Brief note may be submitted in separate sheet
45	Credentials of CFC	Brief note with self attested copies of the relevant document may be submitted separately
46	Credentials of F A	
47	Driving direction to CFC from the District H.Q & distance	To be submitted in separate sheet.

**Declaration**

**I/We..... Representing .....CFC hereby declare & Undertake the following that :**

i	The details furnished above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief any of the above is proved incorrect / faulty then we will be held responsible for the consequences including disqualification.
ii	The CFC has formed in a contiguous area with clear boundaries and all coconut farmers from that cluster area, having at least 10 yielding coconut palms or more are included / enrolled as beneficiaries of the scheme
iii	Coconut is a predominant crop in the cluster & which covers 80 % (minimum) of the total cultivated area of the cluster.
iv	If selected, the scheme will be implemented under our direct supervision and responsibility abiding with the Board's established Rules & regulations & amended time to time.
v	The Farmer Cluster shall abide by the CDB rules & regulations and Terms & conditions prescribed from time to time, in respect of Direct implementation of the scheme "IF" LoDP in Farmers field", during 2024-25
vi	The cluster has not availed any assistance under similar scheme earlier either from the CDB or State Agriculture Department during last 5 years.
vii	If selected, We shall convene a General Body meetings as and when instructed by CDB for finalizing cluster boundaries, Identification of the beneficiaries, Electing cluster committee, sensitize the farmers' regarding the scheme activities, etc by ensuring the participation of minimum 80% beneficiaries. Otherwise another GB will be convened within 10 days of the earlier GB ensuring 80% participation. A copy of the duly certified proceeding of the GB along with the attendance sheet of that meeting shall be furnished to CDB.
viii	If selected, We will ensure the adoption of scientific management practices for the improvement of production & productivity in all coconut gardens of CFC, which includes application of chemical fertilizers, PPC, organic manure, basin opening, shade regulation, application of organic manure etc.as envisaged in the scheme under our responsibility.
ix	If selected, we will also ensure the maintenance of the remaining palms which are not covered under the scheme, with the same scientific management packages sanctioned under the scheme at own our cost & Risk.
x	If selected, the Agricultural Inputs sanctioned under the scheme will be used only for the management of the approved coconut palms of all beneficiaries
xi	If selected, We will conduct the baseline survey in the prescribed format and the veracity of the data will be verified by visiting all coconut gardens of beneficiaries.
xii	If selected, the verified data will be compiled and entered into the Excel format and a duly certified hardcopy along with soft copy will be submitted to Board.
xiii	If selected, Soil testing will be done in the cluster area and the report will be submitted to the Board along with the base line survey details.
xiv	We understand and honor that, the decision of the Chief Executive Officer, CDB will final in case of selection of CFC and other disputes arises (if any)

Place

Date

**Signature**

Name & Address of the Authorized person

**Facilitating Agency**

**Signature**

Name & Address of the Authorized person

**Coconut Farmers Cluster**