

SRI LANKA TEA BOARD
Tea Commissioner's Division
No 574, Galle Road, Colombo 03

Ref: TC/TRSS/IRRI/2024

10th February, 2024

Owners of the medium level tea Estates (10 – 50 acres)

Sirs,

FINANCIAL ASISTANCE TO ESTABLISH IRRIGATION SYSTEMS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR MEDIUM SCALE TEA ESTATES (10 – 50 ACRES)-2024

1.0 Introduction :

A budgetary provision out of the Treasury funds for the year 2024 is being made available to be utilized in order to provide financial assistance for the private sector medium scale tea estates (10 – 50 acres) for the establishment of Irrigation systems in tea fields. This project applies for the tea fields with a plant density of more than 3500 plants per acre and ready to mechanize, replant or new planting. Permanent water source shall be available in tea fields as a prerequisite. The maximum subsidy amount is Rs.200,000.00 per acre.

2.0 Method of application :

- (i) Tea estate owners with valid legal possession are eligible to apply for the subsidy by submitting the duly filled application (Annexure I - Form No. TC/TRSS/IRRI/2021) to the Assistant Tea Commissioner of the area on or before 12th of March, 2024. Incomplete applications may lead to rejection. Applications will be selected on a "First Come-First Served" basis.
- (ii) Tea Estates shall be registered with the Sri Lanka Tea Board (SLTB) Tea land registry.
- (iii) Registration number and written approval of the Tea Commissioner shall be obtained prior to the commencement of the project. Recommendation will be made by the Assistant Tea Commissioner of the region subsequent to the field visits.
- (iv) Application shall be signed by either the Land owner or a person duly authorized in writing to sign on behalf of the land owner. In the event the authorized person is signed the application and other documents, a letter shall be issued by the land lord giving the name, position and the signature of the authorized person.

3.0 Payment Methods of subsidy:

- (i) Submit the Application with a certified copy of the title deed/ lease agreement and the survey plan of the tea filed. Location plan demarcating the area to be irrigated. The landlord shall agree for utilization the irrigated land as a demonstration plot/knowledge disseminating site.

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(i) Financial assistance will be released on the completion of the project as more fully described below;

(a) Scheme - Irrigation of existing tea fields with sprinkler or drip irrigation technologies.

| Stage | Point of release of Financial assistance | Approved amounts is Rs. per Acre |
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| 1. After completion of establishment of water source, pump and purchasing of pipes | After commencement of initial stages and purchasing of required equipment. | 100,000.00 |
| 2. After completion of irrigation system on the tea field | After completion of the project | 100,000.00 |
| Total | | 200,000.00 |

(ii) Monitoring Filed visits will be made to verify all the information in the Application. Verified application will be forwarded to the Tea Commissioner/ Deputy Tea Commissioner (Development), with the recommendation of the Assistant Tea Commissioner. Once the application is approved, application will be registered with SLTB and after completion of the project the subsidy will be released to the applicant.

(iii) Financial assistance for purchasing of required equipment - Applicants are eligible to receive financial assistance after completing the above mentioned 1-2 stages successfully and will be paid after producing of bills and proof documents to the SLTB.

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(i) Applicants shall furnish true and accurate information, assist field inspectors at field visits and provide additional information on request.

(iv) Providing false particulars or information, the applicant knows to be false or does not believe to be true is an offence under the Tea Control Act No. 51 of 1957. Providing such false information will leads to reject the application and automatically disqualify for being apply for future subsidy scheme/s and liable to refund the subsidy amount already being paid, on demand. He will also be liable under the Penal Code of Sri Lanka for embezzlement of state funds.

6.0 If the applicant fails to complete watering / irrigating the relevant tea field, he is bound to refund subsidy amount that is already being paid.

7.0 Assistant Tea Commissioners attached to the Regional Offices of the SLTB are as follows;

| Regional Assistant Tea Commissioners | Areas of authority |
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| 1. Assistant Tea Commissioner Visaka Mawatha, New Badulla Road, Bandarawela. Tel/Fax 057-2222812 | Badulla /Monaragala Districts |
| 2. Assistant Tea Commissioner No 34, Gangarama cross road, Magalle, Galle. Tel/Fax 091-2232052 | Galle District (Except Elpitiya Divisional Secretariat area) |

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| 3. Assistant Tea Commissioner No 140, Ambagamuwa Road, Gampola. Tel/Fax 081-2352279 | Kandy/Matale Districts |
| 4. Assistant Tea Commissioner No 23, New Lane, Uyanwatta, Matara. Tel/Fax 041-2222636 | Matara District Hambanthota District |
| 5. Assistant Tea Commissioner 61/1, New Town, Rathnapura. Tel/Fax 045-2222136 | Ratnapura District Kegalle District |
| 6. Assistant Tea Commissioner Wathurana Road, Baduraliya. Tel/Fax: 034-2247444 | Kalutara Elpitiya Divisional Secretariat area |
| 7. Assistant Tea Commissioner No 10, Nanuoya Road, Kelegala, Nuwara Eliya. Tel : 0522234695/Fax: 0522234686 | Nuwara Eliya District |

8.0 For more information, please contact -

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 - (4) Chairman, Planter's Association of Ceylon
 - (5) Chairman, JEDB
 - (6) Chairman, SLSPC
 - (7) Chairman, TSHDA (Copy to Regional Managers, pl)
 - (8) Chairman, Tea Shakthi Fund
 - (9) Chairman, Tea Research Institute
 - (10) Director, Tea Research Institute (Copy to Regional Extension Centres, pl)
 - (11) CEO's of all Plantation Management Companies
 - (12) Chief Internal Auditor, SLTB
 - (13) Superintendent - Government Audit Unit
 - (14) All Assistant Tea Commissioners (Copy to Tea Instructor/Inspectors, pl)