

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

Ref: SLTB/TCD/DEV/FMSS/ATM/2024

12th July 2024

All registered Artisanal Tea Manufacturers,

Sirs,

**SUBSIDY SCHEME FOR THE PURCHASE OF TEA ROLLER DRYERS FOR ARTISANAL TEA
FACTORIES - 2024**

1.0 Introduction :

Having considered the request of the stakeholders of the tea industry who are involved in the manufacture of artisanal tea, the Sri Lanka Tea Board has decided to grant a subsidy amounting to 50% of the cost of a tea roller dryer not exceeding Rs. 200,000 per unit to embark on a proper manufacturing process.

2.0 Scope of the subsidy scheme for the purchase of tea roller dryers for artisanal tea factories:

- (i) The subsidy will be paid only for the purchase and establishment of a roller tea dryer in the factory.
- (ii) The purchase of a tea roller dryer should be in accordance with the specifications given by the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka.
- (iii) Subsidies will be paid on a "First Come First Serve" basis limiting to the available funds.

3.0 Method of application :

- (i) Application for the scheme should be made in the prescribed application form No. SLTB/TCD/DEV/FMSS/ATM/2024/App
- (ii) Only the registered manufacturer is authorized to sign the application.
- (iii) Duly completed application forms together with originals of Performa invoices should be forwarded to the area Assistant Tea Commissioner no later than **31st August 2024**. No applications will be entertained thereafter.

4.0 Eligibility for funding under the subsidy scheme :

- (i) Only brand new tea roller dryer purchased within the year August 2024 are eligible for subsidy assistance.
- (ii) Only artisanal tea manufacturers that perform in accordance with sections 8 (2) and 11(a) of the Tea Control Act No. 51 of 1957 to the satisfaction of the Tea Commissioner will be eligible to receive subsidy funds.

5.0 Method of payment of subsidy :

- (i) Approval for the purchase tea roller dryer must be obtained from the Tea Commissioner. The tea roller dryer purchased prior to 31st August 2024 will be a disqualification to receive subsidy assistance.
- (ii) Once the application is received, necessary inspections will be carried out to ascertain the necessity of the tea roller dryer and equipment for the factory.
- (iii) The approval will be conveyed to the applicant & he may have to complete the installation.
- (iv) Once the installation of the tea roller dryer is completed and its use in the tea manufacture of artisanal tea has commenced, the applicant should inform the Tea Commissioner for inspection.
- (v) Approval should be obtained from the Tea Commissioner for any deviation for items (i) to (iv) above.

6.0 Disposal of items machinery and equipment :

Any machinery or equipment installed under subsidy assistance should not be disposed of or removed from the tea factory before five (05) years of the date of installation without written approval from the Tea Commissioner. If any machinery or equipments disposed or removed from the tea factory without written approval from the Tea Commissioner before five (05) years of installation the total amount of subsidies shall be paid back to the Sri Lanka Tea Board by the registered manufacturer of tea.

7.0 The Regional Assistant Tea Commissioners and their areas of authority are as follows. Applicants may contact them regarding matters concerning the subsidy schemes. The application forms could also be obtained from them at the following regional offices and the Sri Lanka Tea Board Website (www.srilankateaboard.lk).

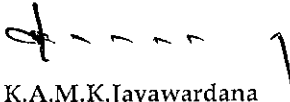
Regional Assistant Tea Commissioners

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| 1. Assistant Tea Commissioner
Visaka Mawatha, New Badulla Road,
Bandarawela. Tel/ Fax 057-2222812 | Areas of authority
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) |
| 3. Assistant Tea Commissioner
No 140, Ambagamuwa Road,
Gampola. Tel/ Fax 081-2352279 | Kandy/Matale Districts |
| 4. Assistant Tea Commissioner
N0 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
Galle Districts (Elpitiya Divisional Secretariat area) |
| 7. Assistant Tea Commissioner
No 10, Nanuoya Road,
Kelegala, Nuwara Eliya.
Tel : 0522234695/ Fax: 0522234686 | Nuwara Eliya District |

8.0 Information regarding this subsidy scheme could be obtained from the Deputy Tea Commissioner - (Development) at the SLTB head office.

- i. Deputy Tea Commissioner (Development)
Sri Lanka Tea Board
No 574, Galle Road, Colombo 03
Tel : 0112580152/ 0112587814 Fax: 0112580161
tcdgeneral@pureceylontea.com

9.0 Every applicant is required to furnish true and accurate information in their applications and at inspections and whenever they are required to furnish information regarding their applications. Providing false or information known to be false is a punishable offence under section 41 of the Tea Control Act No. 51 of 1957 as amended. Apart from being liable to be punished under the aforesaid act, providing false information will immediately disqualify the applicant from current and any future subsidy schemes and will be liable to refund any subsidies already paid. Such companies or the owners of the Factories may also become liable to be punished under the penal code for the embezzlement of state funds.


K.A.M.K. Jayawardana
Acting Tea Commissioner

- Copies:
- (1) Secretary, Ministry of Plantation
 - (2) Chairman/ Director General, Sri Lanka Tea Board.
 - (3) Chairman, SLPTFOA
 - (4) Chairman, Planter's Association
 - (5) Chairman, Colombo Tea Traders' Association
 - (6) Chairman, Colombo Brokers Association
 - (7) Chairman, TSHDA. (Pl. copy this to your Regional Managers)
 - (8) Chairman, Tea Shakthi Fund
 - (9) Director, Tea Research Institute
 - (10) Chief Internal Auditor, SLTB
 - (11) Superintendent - Government Audit Division
 - (12) All Assistant Tea Commissioners/- Please issue copies to Tea Instructor/Inspectors