

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

Ref: TC/TRSS/NUR/2026

26th December, 2025

**Chief Executive Officers of
Regional Plantation Companies
Chairman of JEDB, SLSPC & TRI
Owners of Estates more than 10 Acres**

Sirs,

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR STANDARD TEA NURSERIES WITH SPRINKLER IRRIGATION FOR
THE CORPORATE SECTOR & PRIVATE SECTOR ESTATES MORE THAN 10 ACRES -2026**

1.0 introduction :

A budgetary provision out of the Tea Board Funds for the year 2026 is being made available to be utilized as financial assistance for the corporate sector and the owners of the estates who are having more than 10 acres of tea for setting up standard tea nurseries for this year. This financial assistance covers only the nurseries intended to setting up with minimum 50,000 tea plants at a time with a permanent structure including high shade and sprinkler irrigation system. Subsidy amount is Rs. 1,500,000.00 for minimum 50,000 tea plants size nursery. Approved nurseries should continue minimum 3 years and nursery holder, owner of the estate or CEO of the regional Plantation Company should sign an agreement with Sri Lanka Tea Board prior to release the subsidy. All the nursery activities should be according to the Sri Lanka Tea Research Institute guidelines.

2.0 Method of application :

- (i) Regional Plantation Companies that are in valid legal possession of the estates are eligible to apply for subsidy assistance using the application in annexure I (Form No. TC/TRSS/NUR/2026). It is compulsory to provide all the information as required by the application form. Failure to furnish the required information will lead to rejection of the application. Duly completed applications should be submitted to the relevant Assistant Tea Commissioner of the area where the estates are located on or before 31st January 2026. As the funds are limited, the applications will be entertained on a "First Come-First Serve" basis.
- (ii) Land should be registered with Sri Lanka Tea Board tea land registry.
- (iii) A Separate Registration number and approval letter should be obtained from Tea Commissioner prior to commencement of nursery activities. Application should be submitted prior start nursery and Tea Commissioner's prior approval should be obtained. Recommendation will be given by Regional Assistant Tea Commissioner for such application after having a separate field inspection.
- (iv) Only the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Regional Plantation Companies & the Owners of the estates are eligible to sign the application. If CEO of the company or Owner of the estate not signing the application, he should forward the application with a letter indicating the name, position and the signature of the person who has been authorized to sign the application and subsequent documents on his behalf

3.0 Method of payment of subsidies:

- (i) Application should be annexed with certified copy of the registered deed or lease agreement of the estate and the relevant survey plan prepared by a licensed surveyor. Relevant location where you intend

to commence tea nursery activities should be indicated in a manner where could be identified by the inspecting officer. You may have to attach a construction plan of the and estimate for setting up of the nursery with unit cost.

(ii) The subsidies will be released as per the following schemes based on the completion of each stage in first year and nursery should continue minimum 3 years after that:

(a) **Scheme – Standard tea nurseries with sprinkler irrigation system – permanent structure**

Stage	Point of release of subsidy	Approved subsidy amounts in Rs. per Nursery
1. Land preparation and setting up the nursery	On completion of construction	250,000.00
2. Planting of cuttings	After completion the planting of cuttings with sprinkler irrigation	250,000.00
3. After production of 50,000 plants in the first year	After disposal of the first batch of plants (50,000)	250,000.00
4. After production of 50,000 plants in the 2 nd year	After disposal of the 2 nd batch of plants(50,000)	250,000.00
5. After production of 50,000 plants in the 3 rd year	After disposal of the 3 rd batch of plants(50,000)	500,000.00
	Total	1,500,000.00

(iii) Once the applications are received by the relevant Assistant Tea Commissioner, arrangements will be made to conduct the necessary inspections to verify the information in the application. After ratification by the Assistant Tea Commissioner, the application will be forwarded to the Tea Commissioner, who is the approving authority. Once the application is approved, relevant amounts of subsidies will be released to the applicant (CEO of the relevant plantation company or the owners of the estates more than 10 Acres of tea.)

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(i) Applicants are required to furnish true and accurate information and need to assist to the inspectors at the time of field inspection and whenever they are required additional information regarding the applications.

(ii) 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 been liable to punished under the aforesaid act, providing false information will immediately disqualify the land owner or company from current and any future financial assistance and will be liable to refund any subsidies already paid. Such land owners or companies may also become liable to be punished under the penal code for the embezzlement of state funds.

5.0 If the applicant is unable to complete planting or maintenance of the field is liable to refund any subsidies already paid.

6.0 The Regional Assistant Tea Commissioners of SLTB Regional Offices and their areas of authority are as follows.

Regional Assistant Tea Commissioners	Areas of authority
1. Assistant Tea Commissioner Visaka Mawatha, New Badulla Road, Bandarawela. Tel/Fax 057-2222812	Badulla /Monaragala Districts
2. Assistant Tea Commissioner Walahanduwa Watta, Walahanduwa , 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 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 Galle Districts (Elpitiya Divisional Secretariat area)
7. Assistant Tea Commissioner No 10, Nanuoya Road, Kelegala, Nuwara Eliya. Tel: 0522234695/Fax: 0522234686	Nuwara Eliya District

7.0 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
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K.A.M.K. Jayawardene
Tea Commissioner

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

SRI LANKA TEA BOARD

APPLICATION FOR SUBSIDY ASSISTANCE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDARD TEA NURSERIES WITH SPRINKLER IRRIGATION IN CORPORATE AND PRIVATE SECTOR

TEA ESTATES MORE THAN 10 ACRES - 2026

(Applicant can duplicate this form according to the requirements)

1.0 Name and Address of the Regional Plantation Company/Owner of the Private Estates more than 10 acres :

- i. Name :
- ii. Address :
- iii. Contact No Tel : Fax :
E-mail :
- iv. National Identity Card No :

2.0 Name of estate where establishment of tea nursery is carried out :

3.0 Name of the Division and field number of the estate where establishment of tea nursery is carried out:

(For each field where replanting is carried out, a separate application must be furnished)

Division : Field No :

- i. Please attach a certified copy of the registered deed or lease agreement of the estate and survey plan prepared by a licensed surveyor where relevant division and the block of land/ field clearly marked.
- ii. The relevant division / block of land/field's which the nursery is intended to establish must be indicate clearly in a manner where they could be identified by the inspecting officer.

4.0 Address of estate :

Tel : Fax : E- mail :

5.0 Name of the Manager of the estate :

6.0 Details of the Land :

Total Extent (Ac)	Size of the nursery which subsidy is claimed (according to the number of plants)

7.0 Survey plan No : Date :

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Administrative District	D S Division	Grama Niladhari Division

9.0 Please provide the details regarding the legal possession of the estate where nursery subsidy is applied: (Please attach certified copies of documents).....

10.0 Please provide the following details related to the estate/ field/ block of land where you intended to establish tea nursery under this subsidy scheme.

Division & field/block of land	Size of the nursery	Total amount of subsidy Claim

* Size of the nursery is according to the number of plants and minimum is 100000 and multiplies of that amount

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge:

Name and designation of the person furnishing this application:

Date:

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Signature

(CEO of the Company/owner or a person authorized by him in writing is authorized to sign this application. Please attach the letter of authorization).

N.B. 1. Please provide all information and documents required by this application right first time to avoid delays.

2. Please provide all necessary assistance to the inspecting officer of the Sri Lanka Tea Board to conduct his inspection.

3. For further details about this subsidy scheme please refer circular letter No. TC/TRSS/NUR dated 26th December, 2025.