

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

Ref: TB/TC/TRSS/MEC/2026

26th December 2025

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

Sirs,

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HIGH DENSITY PLANTING WITH MECHANIZATION FOR THE
CORPORATE SECTOR & PRIVATE SECTOR ESTATES MORE THAN 10 ACRES - 2026**

1.0 Introduction :

A budgetary provision out of the Sri Lanka Tea Board funds for the year 2026 is being made available to be utilized as financial assistance for high density planting for the corporate sector and the estates having more than 10 acres of tea. This subsidy scheme covers only the tea fields that use machineries for land preparation, composting, setting up suitable irrigation system (Drip or Sprinkler) planting of tea with double hedge row system to match the requirements of mortared/electrically/battery operated harvesters. Approved monetary support is Rs. 675, 000.00 per acre. If you are not intended to install the irrigation system, monetary support will be Rs. 475,000.00 per acre. All the activities should be according to the guidelines of the Sri Lanka Tea Research Institute.

2.0 Method of application :

- (i) Regional Plantation Companies and the owners of tea estates of more than 10 acres that are in valid legal possession of the estates are eligible to apply for subsidy assistance using the application in Annexure I (Form No. TB/TC/TRSS/MEC/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 (SLTB) tea land registry
- (iii) A Separate Registration number and approval letter should be obtained from the Tea Commissioner prior to the commencement of replanting or new planting activities. The application should be submitted prior to start planting and the 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 copies 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 planting activities should be indicated in a manner where could be identified by the inspecting officer. Applicants should agree to utilize such planting fields as demonstration plots/knowledge disseminating sites as this is a new development of Sri Lankan

tea industry. The subsidy payment will directly be made to the bank account number of beneficiary. The beneficiary should provide the bank details with the application.

4.0 (i) The subsidies will be released as per the following schemes based on the completion of each stages:

(a) **Scheme – Replanting/new planting of tea with composting, irrigation with use of machineries.**

Stage	Point of release of subsidy	Approved subsidy amounts (Rs / Cts per acre)
1. land preparation and soil conservation	On completion of operation	150,000.00
2. Installation of irrigation system	Prior to Planting (Optional)	200,000.00
3. Planting after composting /Rehabilitation	On completion of operation	275,000.00
4. Maintenance after completion of first year	One year after date of planting	50,000.00
	Total	675,000.00

(ii) Once the application is 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/Deputy Tea Commissioner (Development), 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).

(iii) The applicant should enter in to a Memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Sri Lanka Tea Board prior to commence the project.

5.0 Those lands intend to undertake direct planting activities should obtain a prior approval from SLTB and composting should be done prior to planting.

6.0 Some applications received in 2025 for the above project have not been approved due to financial constraints. The necessary approvals will be granted for the applications received for the year 2025 under this subsidy scheme in the year 2026.

7.0 (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 subsidy schemes 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.

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

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

Regional Assistant Tea Commissioners	Areas of authority
i. Assistant Tea Commissioner Visaka Mawatha, New Badulla Road, Bandarawela. Tel/Fax 057-2222812	Badulla /Monaragala Districts
ii. Assistant Tea Commissioner Walahanduwa Watta,Walahanduwa Galle. Tel/Fax 091-2232052	Galle District (Except Elpitiya Divisional Secretariat area)
iii. Assistant Tea Commissioner No 140, Ambagamuwa Road, Gampola. Tel/Fax 081-2352279	Kandy/Matale Districts
iv. Assistant Tea Commissioner N0 23, New Lane, Uyanwatta, Matara. Tel/Fax 041-2222636	Matara District Hambanthota District
v. Assistant Tea Commissioner 61/1, New Town, Rathnapura. Tel/Fax 045-2222136	Ratnapura District Kegalle District
vi. Assistant Tea Commissioner Wathurana Road, Baduraliya. Tel/Fax: 034-2247444	Kalutara District Galle Districts (Elpitiya Divisional Secretariat area)
vii. Assistant Tea Commissioner No 10, Nanuoya Road, Kelegala, Nuwara Eliya. Tel : 0522234695/Fax: 0522234686	Nuwara Eliya District

10.0 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
E Mail : development@pureceylontea.com


K.A.M.K.Jayawardena
Tea Commissioner

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

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SRI LANKA TEA BOARD**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HIGH DENSITY WITH
MECHANIZATION IN CORPORATE AND PRIVATE SECTOR TEA ESTATES
MORE THAN 10 ACRES - 2026**

(Applicant can duplicate this form according to the requirements)

Mark "✓" where applicable

 Re Planting New Planting

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

- i. Name :
- ii. Address :
- iii. Contact No Tel : Fax :
- iv. E-mail :
- v. National Identity Card No :
- vi. SLTB Tea Land Registration No:.....

2.0 Name of estate where planting is carried out :

3.0 Name of the Division and field number of the estate where planting 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 subsidies are claimed 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 (ha)	Extent under Tea (hc)	Extent for which subsidy is claimed (ha)

7.0 Survey plan No :

Date :

8.0	Administrative District	D S Division	Gramा Niladhari Division

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

10.0 Have you previously obtained/applied for planting subsidies for the same field/ block of land under the SLTB planting subsidy schemes? (If so please provide following details)

i. SLTB Reference No:

Division & block/field of land	Stage of Re Planting and amounting of subsidy per Ha and the stage of payment					Extent (ha.)	Total amount & date of subsidy Received(Rs/Cts)
	* Stage 1	* Stage 2	* Stage 3	* Stage 4	* Stage 5		

11.0 Please provide the following details related to the estate/ field/ block of land where you intended to replant/new plant under this subsidy scheme.

Division & block/field of land	Extent (ha.)	Total amount of subsidy Claim(Rs/Cts)

12.0 Payment details of applicant:

Name of the Beneficiary	NIC Number	Name of the Account	Account Number	Name of the Bank and Branch

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:

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Date:

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Signature

(The 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).

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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.TB/TC/TRSS/MEC/2026 dated 26th December 2025

