

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

Ref: TB/TC/DEV/MACH/2027

28th September 2026

Owners of the Medium Scale Tea Estates (more than 10 acres)

Sirs,

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PURCHASE TEA PLUCKING MACHINES IN THE PRIVATE
SECTOR MEDIUM SCALE TEA ESTATES (MORE THAN 10 ACRES) – 2027**

1.0 Introduction:

A budgetary provision of the year 2027 is being made available to be utilized in order to provide financial assistance for the private sector medium scale estates (More than 10 acres) for the procurement of tea plucking machines. This project applies to tea fields currently in production to enhance harvesting efficiency and manage labor costs. The maximum subsidy amount is Rs. 40,000.00 per machine.

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 TB/TC/DEV/Machine/2027-01) along with a Performa Invoice of the machine to the Assistant Tea Commissioner of the area. Applications will be selected on a "First Come-First Served" basis. Incomplete applications may lead to rejection.
- 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 purchasing of the machine. 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.
- V. Duly completed application forms together with originals of Performa invoices should be forwarded to the Assistant Tea Commissioner of the area on or before **31st October 2026**.

3.0 Eligibility and Allocation:

Land owners of more than 10 acres are eligible to apply for one (01) machine. Submit the Application with a certified copy of the title deed/lease agreement and the survey plan of the tea land.

4.0 Payment Methods of subsidy:

Financial assistance will be released upon the successful procurement and verification of the equipment as described below:

Scheme Stage / Point of release Approved amount (Rs)

Tea Plucking Machine - After purchase of the machine, submission of original bills/tax invoice, and verification by the SLTB. Rs. 40,000.00 per machine

5.0 Terms and Conditions:

- I. Applicants shall furnish true and accurate information and assist field inspectors during verification visits.
- II. Providing false particulars is an offense under the Tea Control Act No. 51 of 1957 and will lead to immediate disqualification and potential legal action.
- III. The subsidy payment will be made directly to the bank account number of the beneficiary provided in the application.

6.0 The Regional Assistant Tea Commissioners and their areas of authority are as follows. Applicants may contact them regarding matters concerning the subsidy scheme. 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	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 No 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

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

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

8.0 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 information known to be false is a punishable offense 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 Jayawardena
Tea Commissioner

- Copies: :
- (1) Secretary, Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure
 - (2) Chairman, Sri Lanka Tea Board.
 - (3) Chairman, Tea Small Holding Development Authority (Pl.copy this to your Regional Managers)
 - (4) Chairman, Tea Research Institute
 - (5) Chairman, Sri Lanka Tea Factory Owners Association
 - (6) Chairman, Janatha Estate Development Board
 - (7) Chairman, Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation
 - (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



SRI LANKA TEA BOARD
APPLICATION FOR SUBSIDY ASSISTANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF TEA PLUCKING
MACHINE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR MEDIUM SCALE TEA ESTATES (MORE THAN 10
ACRES) - 2027

1.0 Name and Address of the owner of the Private Tea Estates more than 10 acres:

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

2.0 Name of the Estate and address:

- i. D.S. Division:
- ii. G.S. Division:

4.0 Details of machine to be purchased

(Originals of Performa invoices should be attached)

Name / Brand of the Machinery	Name of Supplier/ Company	Value of the Machinery (Rs/Cts)	Performa invoice No.& Date	Remarks (Fuale/Battery/Electric)

5.0 Have you previously obtained subsidies for the machine mentioned above number 4.0 ?

(If yes, please state the details)

Item/Service	Amount (Rs /Cts)	Date of subsidy payment

6.0 Bank details of applicant:

Name of the Beneficiary	NIC Number	Name of the Account	Account No	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

(Registered Tea land owner or 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/DEV/MACH/2027 dated 28th Sept 2026