

Rubber Plantation Development Scheme – Phase V

Under the Rubber Plantation Development Scheme, Phase V as approved by the Govt. of India, the area in Traditional and Non-traditional except North-East region, new planted/replanted during the years from 2002 to 2006, will be eligible for financial assistance as per the rates and conditions given below:

The rates of assistance applicable under Phase V

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| A | For traditional area (Kerala and Kanyakumari District of Tamil Nadu) | Rs.12,000/- per ha. for new Planting and Rs. 20,000/- per ha. for replanting limited to 2 ha. in the case of one estate subject to eligibility under Rule IV |
| B | For Non-Traditional areas except North Eastern Region | <p>Replanting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rs. 20,000/- per ha. for growers having an area upto 5 ha. 2. Rs. 16,000/- per ha. for growers having an area above 5 ha. and upto 20 ha. <p>Newplanting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rs. 16,000/- per ha. for growers having an area upto 5 ha. 2. Rs. 12,000/- per ha for growers having an area above 5 ha and up to 20 ha. |
| C | Reimbursement of cost of polybagged plants of advanced growth in traditional area (conditions apply) | <p>Additional assistance @ Rs. 3/- per plant for plantations raised during 2002 and @ Rs. 2/- per plant for areas planted during 2003, Rs. 1/- per plant for the planting carried out in the year 2004 limited to 500 nos. per ha. in the case of general category of growers and @ Rs. 5/- per plant for 2002 planting & @ Rs. 4/- per plant for 2003 planting, Rs. 3/- per plant for the planting carried out in the year 2004 limited to 500 nos. per ha. in the case of SC/ST growers</p> <p>There is no upper limit of rubber areas for the reimbursement of cost of poly bagged plants for plantation raised up to 2004</p> |
| D | Reimbursement of cost of polybagged plants of advanced growth in non - | In Non-traditional region the assistance will be Rs. 8/- per plant limited to 500 plants per hectare to all category of growers. There is no upper limit for rubber area for the reimbursement of cost of |

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| traditional area (conditions apply) | polybagged plants |
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Schedule of payment of instalments (in Rupees per ha.)

| YEAR | REPLANTING | | NEWPLANTING | | |
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| | Traditional / Non- traditional area (growers having area up to 5.00 ha) | Non- traditional area (growers having area above 5.00 ha and up to 20.00 ha) | Traditional area (growers having area up to 5.00 ha) | Non- traditional area (growers having area upto 5.00 ha) | Non- traditional area (growers having area above 5.00 ha. and up to 20.00 ha.) |
| 1st | 5,000 | 4,000 | 3,000 | 4,000 | 3,000 |
| 2nd | 2,500 | 2,000 | 1,500 | 2,000 | 1,500 |
| 3rd | 2,500 | 2,000 | 1,500 | 2,000 | 1,500 |
| 4th | 2,500 | 2,000 | 1,500 | 2,000 | 1,500 |
| 5th | 3,000 | 2,500 | 1,800 | 2,500 | 1,800 |
| 6th | 4,500 | 3,500 | 2,700 | 3,500 | 2,700 |
| Total | 20,000 | 16,000 | 12,000 | 16,000 | 12,000 |

ELIGIBILITY

1. The growers in traditional rubber growing areas owning estate not exceeding 5 hectares in area and growers in non-traditional rubber growing areas owning estate not exceeding 20 hectares will be eligible for assistance under Rule VI of the scheme. New entrepreneurs undertaking rubber cultivation will also be eligible for this assistance. The growers in traditional and non-traditional rubber growing areas are eligible for assistance under Rule IX irrespective of the total rubber area owned.
2. The Growers planting or replanting in any one year either 0.10 hectare of contiguous land or part of 0.10 hectare if that part is the only area remaining to be replanted in an estate will be eligible for assistance under the Scheme.
3. Replanting to be undertaken on an area basis involving removal of all existing old/ uneconomic rubber trees from the area will only be eligible for assistance under the scheme. The decision regarding fitness of any area for replanting under the scheme will vest with the Board.
4. The land selected for planting in all respects suitable for economic cultivation

of rubber in the opinion of the Board will only be eligible for assistance. Lands situated 450 meters above Mean Sea Level will not be considered for grant of assistance unless such lands are found fit for the purpose after technical scrutiny by Rubber Board.

5. The applicant should have ownership over the land in respect of which assistance is sought.

6. Selection of land for planting and maintenance of plantation shall be at the sole risk and responsibility of the owner of the estate and eligibility for assistance or grant of assistance under the scheme will not create any liability whatsoever for the Board in respect of the estate.

PROCEDURE

Duly filled applications along with 2 copies of Sy. plan of the planted area in the prescribed scale should be submitted to the concerned Regional Offices of the Board. The date of application for each year will be published separately.

On receipt of the application at Regional Offices, it will be passed on to Technical Officers of the Board who will inspect the planted area and a report thereof regarding the feasibility and eligibility of the planting will be submitted to the Regional Office. At the RO the report will be processed and if all conditions satisfied a permit will be issued to the applicant. The grant will be released by cross check subject to availability of the fund. If the work at any stage is not satisfactory, the permit holder will be called upon to rectify the defects within a specified time. Payment will be sanctioned only if those defects are rectified within the time allowed.