

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

Ref: TC/BIO FERT/2021

31st May 2021

Chief Executive Officers of
Regional Plantation Companies
Owners of the Privet Estates
All Registered Tea Manufactures

Sirs,

**SUBSIDY SCHEME FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BIO / ORGANIC FERTILIZERS / BIO CHAR UNITS IN
CORPORATE AND PRIVATE SECTOR ESTATES LOCATES IN TEA GROWING AREAS
&
REGISTERED TEA FACTORIES - 2021**

1.0 Introduction :

A budgetary provision out of the tea board funds for the year 2021 is being made available to be utilized as subsidy payments for the corporate sector and the owners of the estates locates in tea growing areas for development of composting units for this year. This subsidy scheme covers only the part of the cost for construction of Bio / Organic fertilizer (Solid / Liquid), Wormy Compost and Bio Char units. Approved Bio / Organic Fertilizer unit holder should sign an agreement with Sri Lanka Tea Board prior to release the subsidy.

2.0 Method of application :

- (i) Regional Plantation Companies/owners of the privet estates and registered tea manufactures that are in valid legal possession are eligible to apply for subsidy assistance using the application in annexure I (Form No. TC/BIO FERT/2021). 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 30th June 2021**. As the funds are limited, the applications will be entertained on a "First Come-First Serve" basis.
- (ii) A Separate Registration number and approval letter should be obtained from Tea Commissioner prior to commencement of the activities. Recommendation will be given by the Regional Assistant Tea Commissioner for such applicants after having a field inspection.
- (iii) Only the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Regional Plantation Companies / the Owners of the estates and registered tea manufactures are eligible to sign the application. If CEO of the company/ Owner of the estate or Registered Tea Manufacture is not signing the application, he/she 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 title deed or Indenture of lease / copy of the tea factory registration and the relevant survey plan prepared by a licensed surveyor. Relevant location where you intend to commence the construction of bio fertilizer production units should be indicated in a manner where could be identified by the inspecting officer.

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

(a) **Scheme - construction of 100,000 Kgs/ Liters Month solid or liquid bio fertilizer/ Bio Char manufacturing units.**

Stage	Point of release of subsidy	Approved subsidy amounts in Rs.
1. Land preparation and construction of bio fertilizer manufacturing unit and purchase of required machine.	On completion of operation	200,000.00
2. Completion of manufacturing of the first batch of the bio fertilizer	On completion of operation	100,000.00
	Total	300,000.00

(b) **Scheme - construction of 25,000 Kgs/ month wormy compost manufacturing units**

1. Land preparation and construction wormy compost manufacturing unit and purchase of required chopping machine.	On completion of operation	200,000.00
2. Completion of manufacturing of the first batch of the bio fertilizer	On completion of operation	100,000.00
	Total	300,000.00

(iii) 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, 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 or to the registered tea manufacture.)

4.0 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.

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 punishable under the aforesaid act, providing false information will immediately disqualify the RPC / Owner of the Estate/ Registered Tea Manufacture from current and any future subsidy schemes and will be liable to refund any subsidies already paid. Such RPC / Owner of the Estate/ Registered Tea Manufacture may also be charged for and offence punishable under the penal code for the embezzlement of state funds.

5.0 If the applicant is unable to establish and start the production of bio fertilizer is liable to refund any subsidies already paid. Further, any RPC / Owner of Estate / Registered Tea Manufacture obtained subsidy assistance from any government institution for the same purpose or deferent purpose to same block of land unit is not eligible for this subsidy scheme.

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

Regional Assistant Tea Commissioners

1. Assistant Tea Commissioner
Visaka Mawatha, New Badulla Road,
Bandarawela.Tel/Fax 057-2222812


Areas of authority

Badulla /Monaragala Districts

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| 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 |

7.0 Information regarding this subsidy scheme could be obtained from the Deputy Tea Commissioner (Development).

- i. **Deputy Tea Commissioner (Development)**
No 574, Galle Road, Colombo 03
Tel: 0112580152/ 0112587814 Fax: 0112580161


Jayantha Edirisinghe
Tea Commissioner

E.A.J.K. Edirisinghe
Tea Commissioner

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- (1) Secretary, Ministry of Plantation
 - (2) Chairman/ Director General, Sri Lanka Tea Board.
 - (3) Chairman, SLPTFOA
 - (4) Chairman, Planter's Association of Ceylon
 - (5) Chairman, JEDB
 - (6) Chairman, SLSPC
 - (7) Chairman, TSHDA. (Pl. copy this to your Regional Managers)
 - (8) Chairman, Tea Shakthi Fund
 - (9) Chairman, Tea Research Institute
 - (10) Director, Tea Research Institute (Pl. copy this to your Regional Extension Centres)
 - (11) CEO's of all the Plantation Management Companies
 - (12) Internal Auditor, SLTB
 - (13) Superintendent - Government Audit Unit
 - (14) All Assistant Tea Commissioners/ - Please issue copies to Tea Instructor/Inspectors