

SRI LANKA TEA BOARD

Tea Commissioner's Division
No 574, Galle Road, Colombo 03

Ref: TC/TRSS/IRRI/2021

10th October, 2021

Owners of the medium level tea Estates (10 - 50 acres)

Sirs,

SUBSIDY SCHEME FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF IRRIGATION SYSTEMS FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR
MEDIUM SCALE TEA ESTATES (10 - 50 ACRES)
PILOT PROJECT - 2021

1.0 Introduction :

A budgetary provision out of the Treasury funds for the year 2021 is being made available to be utilized as subsidy payments for the private sector medium scale tea estates (10 - 50 acres) for the establishment of Irrigation systems in tea fields. The subsidy scheme applies for the tea fields with a plant density of more than 3500 plants per acre and ready to mechanize, replant or new planting. Perennial water source shall be available in tea fields as a prerequisite. The maximum subsidy amount is Rs.120,000.00 per acre.

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. TC/TRSS/IRRI/2021) to the Assistant Tea Commissioner of the area on or before 8th of November, 2021. Incomplete applications may lead to rejection. Applications will be selected on a "First Come-First Served" basis.
- (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 commencement of the project under this subsidy scheme. 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. In the event the authorized person is signed the application and other documents, a letter shall be issued by the land lord giving the name, position and the signature of the authorized person.

3.0 Payment Methods of subsidy:

- (i) Submit the Application with a certified copy of the title deed/ lease agreement and the survey plan of the tea filed. Location plan demarcating the area to be irrigated. The landlord shall agree for utilization the irrigated land as a demonstration plot/knowledge disseminating site.

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(i) Subsidy will be released on the completion of the project as morefully described below;

(a) Scheme - Irrigation of existing tea fields with sprinkler or drip irrigation technologies.

Stage	Point of release of subsidy	Approved subsidy amounts is (Rs. per acre)
1. After completion of establishment of pipelines, sprinkler/ Drip irrigation system with filtering capacity, procuring of water pump, pressure pump (Electric or with an engine), placing/ construction of water tanks and practically starting the irrigation of tea field	After commencement of watering/irrigation of tea field without any defects.	120,000.00
Total		120,000.00

(ii) Monitoring Filed visits will be made to verify all the information in the Application. Verified application will be forwarded to the Tea Commissioner/ Deputy Tea Commissioner (Development), with the recommendation of the Assistant Tea Commissioner. Once the application is approved, application will be registered with SLTB and after completion of the project the subsidy will be released to the applicant.

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(i) Applicants shall furnish true and accurate information, assist field inspectors at field visits and provide additional information on request.

(ii) Providing false particulars or information, the applicant knows to be false or does not believe to be true is an offence under the Tea Control Act No. 51 of 1957. Providing such false information will leads to reject the application and automatically disqualify for being apply for future subsidy scheme/s and liable to refund the subsidy amount already being paid, on demand. He will also be liable under the Penal Code of Sri Lanka for embezzlement of state funds.

6.0 If the applicant fails to complete watering / Irrigating the relevant tea field, he is bound to refund subsidy amount that is already being paid.

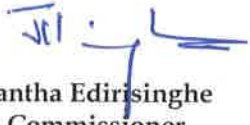
7.0 Assistant Tea Commissioners attached to the Regional Offices of the SLTB are as follows;

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 No 34, Gangarama cross road, Magalle, Galle. Tel/Fax 091-2232052	Galle District (Except Elpitiya Divisional Secretariat area)

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| 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
Elpitiya Divisional Secretariat area |
| 7. Assistant Tea Commissioner
No 10, Nanuoya Road,
Kelegala, Nuwara Eliya.
Tel : 0522234695/Fax: 0522234686 | Nuwara Eliya District |

8.0 For more information, please contact -

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


Jayantha Edirisinghe
Tea Commissioner

- Copies:
- (1) Secretary, Ministry of Plantation
 - (2) Chairman/ Director General, Sri Lanka Tea Board
 - (3) Chairman, SLTFOA
 - (4) Chairman, Planter's Association of Ceylon
 - (5) Chairman, JEDB
 - (6) Chairman, SLSPC
 - (7) Chairman, TSHDA (Copy to Regional Managers, pl)
 - (8) Chairman, Tea Shakthi Fund
 - (9) Chairman, Tea Research Institute
 - (10) Director, Tea Research Institute (Copy to Regional Extension Centres, pl)
 - (11) CEO's of all Plantation Management Companies
 - (12) Chief Internal Auditor, SLTB
 - (13) Superintendent - Government Audit Unit
 - (14) All Assistant Tea Commissioners (Copy to Tea Instructor/Inspectors, pl)

SRI LANKA TEA BOARD**APPLICATION FOR SUBSIDY SCHEME FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF IRRIGATION SYSTEMS
FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR MEDIUM SCALE TEA ESTATES (10-50 ACRES)****PILOT PROJECTS - 2021**

(Applicant can duplicate this form according to the requirements)

Mark "✓" where applicable

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1.0 Name and Address of the Owner of the Private Estates:

i. Name :

ii. Address :

iii. Contact No Tel : Fax :

E-mail :

iv. National Identity Card No :

2.0 Name of estate where Irrigation System is to be established:

3.0 Tea Land Registration Number:

4.0 Name of the Division and field number of the estate where Irrigation System is to be Established:

(For each field where Irrigation System is to be established, 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.

5.0 Address of estate:

Tel : Fax : E- mail :

6.0 Name of the Manager of the estate:

7.0 Details of the Land:

Total Extent (Ac)	Extent under Tea (Ac)	Extent for which subsidy is claimed (Ac)

8.0 Survey plan No :

Date :

9.0

Administrative District	D S Division	Grama Niladhari Division

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

11.0 Have you previously obtained or applied for Replanting / New planting/ Replanting with Mechanization or Model Tea Garden subsidies for the same field/ block of land under the SLTB subsidy schemes? (If so please provide following details)

i. SLTB Reference No:

Division & block/field of land	Extent Ac.	Subsidy Scheme	Survey Plan Number	Total amount & date of subsidy Received

12.0 Please provide the following details related to the estate/ field/ block of land where you intended to Establish Irrigation System under this subsidy scheme.

Division & block/field of land	Extent Ac.	Total amount of subsidy Claim

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

(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/IRRI/2021 dated 10th October 2021.