

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

Ref: TC/TRSS/EHT/2023

08<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

Chief Executive Officers of  
Regional Plantation Companies  
Chairman of JEDB, SLSPC & TRI  
Owners of Estates more than 10 Acres

Sirs,

**SUBSIDY SCHEME FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF HIGH SHADE TREES IN CORPORATE & PRIVATE  
SECTOR ESTATES MORE THAN 10 ACRES - 2023**

**1.0 introduction :**

A budgetary provision out of the Sri Lanka Tea Board funds for the year 2023 is being made available to be utilized as subsidy payments for the corporate sector estates and owners of the estates that are having more than 10 acres of tea for establishment of high shade trees for this year. This subsidy scheme covers only the tea fields which are under revenue and should not be year mark for uprooting/ replanting within next two years. Approved subsidy amount is Rs. 100.00 per high shade tree and maximum 28 trees per acre. Establishment of high shade trees should be according to the guidelines issued by the Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka.

**2.0 Method of application :**

- (i) CEO's of the regional plantation companies, Chairman of the JEDB,SLSPC and TRI and owners of the tea estates more than 10 acres that are in valid legal possession are eligible to apply for subsidy assistance using the application in annexure I (Form No. TC/TRSS/EHT/2023). 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 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023**. 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 tea land registry.
- (iii) A Separate Registration number and approval letter should be obtained from Tea Commissioner prior to commencement of nursery activities. Application should be submitted prior to commence planting of shade trees and 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 CEO's, Chairman of the JEDB, SLSPC, TRI and owners of the estates are eligible to sign the application. If the CEO's of the RPC's, Chairman of the JEDB ,SLSPC, TRI and 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 copy of the registered deed or lease agreement of the estate and the relevant survey plan prepared by a licensed surveyor or sketch plan prepared by owner/manager of the estate with his signature including boundaries and permanent structures, identification marks, streams and culverts etc. Relevant locations where you intend plant high shade trees should be indicated in a manner where could be identified by the inspecting officer. You may have to indicate acreage and number of high shade trees you are planning to establish with the subsidy scheme.

- 4.0 (i) The subsidies will be released as per the following schemes based on the completion of planting of shade trees:

(a) **Scheme - establishment of high shade trees**

Stage	Point of release of subsidy	Approved subsidy amounts in Rs. per plant
1. Planting of shade trees	On completion of planting	100.00

- (ii) Once the applications are received by the relevant Assistant Tea Commissioner, arrangements will be made to conduct the field 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.

- 5.0 (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.

- 6.0 If the applicant is unable to maintain the high shade trees is liable to refund any subsidies already paid.

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

	<b>Regional Assistant Tea Commissioners</b>	<b>Areas of authority</b>
i.	Assistant Tea Commissioner Visaka Mawatha, New Badulla Road, Bandarawela. Tel/Fax 057-2222812	Badulla /Monaragala Districts
ii.	Assistant Tea Commissioner No 34, Gangarama cross road, Magalle, 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

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| iv.  | Assistant Tea Commissioner<br>N0 23, New Lane, Uyanwatta,<br>Matara. Tel/Fax 041-2222636                           | Matara District<br>Hambanthota District                            |
| v.   | Assistant Tea Commissioner<br>61/1, New Town,<br>Rathnapura. Tel/Fax 045-2222136                                   | Ratnapura District<br>Kegalle District                             |
| vi.  | Assistant Tea Commissioner<br>Wathurana Road,<br>Baduraliya. Tel/Fax: 034-2247444                                  | Kalutara<br>Galle Districts (Elpitiya Divisional Secretariat area) |
| vii. | Assistant Tea Commissioner<br>No 10, Nanuoya Road,<br>Kelegala, Nuwara Eliya.<br>Tel : 0522234695/Fax: 052-2234686 | Nuwara Eliya District  |

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

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