

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

Ref: TC/TRSS/2023

08th December 2022

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

Sirs,

**TEA REPLANTING, NEW PLANTING AND INFILLING SUBSIDY SCHEME FOR THE CORPORATE SECTOR &
PRIVATE SECTOR ESTATES MORE THAN 10 ACRES - 2023**

1.0 Introduction :

A budgetary provision out of the cess collections for the year 2023 is being made available to be utilized as subsidy payments for the corporate sector and the owners of the estates who are having more than 10 acres of tea for replanting, new planting and infilling for this year.

2.0 Method of application :

- (i) Regional Plantation Companies that are in valid legal possession of the estates are eligible to apply for subsidy assistance using the application in annexure I.(Form No. TC/TRSS/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 31st January 2023**. 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 replanting/ new planting/ infilling activities. Application should be submitted according to the stages stipulated in paragraph 3 (II) and the Tea Commissioner's prior approval should be obtained for any deviations. Recommendation will be given by Regional Assistant Tea Commissioner for such application after having a separate field inspection.
- (iii) Only the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Regional Plantation Companies & the Owners of the estates are eligible to sign the application. If CEO of the company or 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. For the infilling blocks, manual demarcation on the existing survey plan can be considered. Relevant location where you intend to commence tea planting/ infilling activities 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 A - Replanting of tea with soil rehabilitation.**

Stage	Point of release of subsidy	Approved subsidy amounts in Rs. per Hectare
1. Uprooting and soil conservation	On completion of operation	130,000.00
2. Soil rehabilitation I	Six months after planting grass	50,000.00
3. Soil rehabilitation II	Eighteen months after planting grass	200,000.00
4. Planting	On completion of planting	70,000.00
5. Maintenance	At the completion of one year after planting	50,000.00

(b) Scheme B - New Planting**(i) New Planting with soil rehabilitation**

Stage	Point of release of subsidy	Approved subsidy amounts in Rs. per Hectare
1. Uprooting and soil conservation	On completion of operation	110,000
2. Soil rehabilitation I	Six months after planting grass	40,000
3. Soil rehabilitation II	Eighteen months after planting grass	160,000
4. Planting	On completion of planting	50,000
5. Maintenance	At the completion of one year after planting	40,000
	Total	400,000

(ii) New Planting without soil rehabilitation

Stage	Point of release of subsidy	Approved subsidy amounts in Rs. per Hectare
1. Uprooting and soil conservation	On completion of operation	110,000
2. Planting	On completion of planting	160,000
3. Maintenance	At the completion of one year after planting	40,000
	Total	310,000

(c) Scheme C - Infilling

Maximum 1000 plants are allowed per acre and Rs 100/= is paid per plant. Subsidy will be granted after the completion of the planting. This will be verified through inspection.

- (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 more than 10 Acres of tea.)

4.0 Those lands intend to undertake replanting activities without soil rehabilitation works, should be annexed the relevant Tea Research Institute recommendation.

5.0 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 liable to furnished under the aforesaid act, providing false information will immediately disqualify the company from current and any future subsidy schemes and will be liable to refund any subsidies already paid. Such 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 complete planting or maintenance of the field is liable to refund any subsidies already paid.

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

Regional Assistant Tea Commissioners	Areas of authority
i. Assistant Tea Commissioner Visaka Mawatha, New Badulla Road, Bandarawela.Tel/Fax 057-2222812	Badulla /Monaragala Districts

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| 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 |
| iv. | Assistant Tea Commissioner
N0 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
Galle Districts (Elpitiya Divisional Secretariat area) |
| vii. | Assistant Tea Commissioner
No 10, Nanuoya Road,
Kelegala, Nuwara Eliya.
Tel : 0522234695/Fax: 0522234686 | 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)
Sri Lanka Tea Board
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Jayantha Edirisinghe
Tea Commissioner

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- (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, 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