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No.MKT-AUC/SCHEDULE/01/2018

Dated: 23.06.2021

CIRCULAR

Sub: Schedule for conducting e-auctions at E-auction Centre at Puttady & Bodinayakanur for the period from 26.06.2021 to 09.07.2021.

Considering the urgent need for safe guarding the interest of the farming community, the Board is resuming the e-auction at Puttady and Bodinayakanur with effect from 26.06.2021 in accordance with the permission granted by the district administration of Idukki and Theni.

The District Collector & Chairman, District Disaster Management Authority Idukki District has given permission to conduct the e-auction at the e-Auction Centre, Puttady by implementing the following Covid 19 protocols.

1. The number of participants in the e-auction hall is limited to 25 Nos.
2. The entry of the participants shall-be permitted only on producing a valid RTPCR negative result or 2nd dose covid 19 vaccination certificates.
3. The participants are directed to adhere to strict covid protocol norms.

The schedule for conducting e-auctions at E-auction Centre at Puttady & Bodinayakanur to be followed by the licensed auctioneers is attached herewith as Annexure-1 for the period from 26.06.2021 to 09.07.2021 along with copy of the SOP and new guidelines issued by the DCs of Idukki and Theni.

The schedule is liable to change subject to the revised directions issued by the Central Govt/ State Govt/ District Administration.

All the auctioneers shall strictly follow the General Instructions and Guidelines attached as Annexure-2 for conducting e-auction at Puttady & Bodinayakanur.

All the auctioneers are directed to adhere to strict Covid protocol norms in the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) of COVID-19 and new guidelines issued by the district administration for conducting the auction at Bodinayakanur and Puttady (attached as Annexure-3).

This is issued with the approval of the Secretary, Spices Board.

Director (Mktg)

To

- 1.M/s South Indian Green Cardamom Company Limited
- 2.M/s Green Cardamom Trading Company.
- 3.M/s The Cardamom Planters Marketing Co-operative Society Limited
- 4.M/s Cardamom Planters Association
- 5.M/s Header Systems (India) Limited
- 6.M/s Green House Cardamom Marketing India Private Limited
- 7.M/s The Kerala Cardamom Processing and Marketing Company Limited
- 8.M/s Cardamom Growers Forever Pvt Ltd
- 9.M/s MAS Enterprises Limited
- 10.M/s Spice More Trading Company
- 11.M/s Idukki District Traditional Cardamom Producer Company Limited
- 12.M/s Sugandhagiri Spices Promoters & Traders Private Limited

Copy to:

The District Collector,Idukki / Theni.

DD Bodinayaknur / Puttady.

DD(EDP) - to host the circular in the Board's website.

Annexure-1

**SCHEDULE FOR CONDUCTING CARDAMOM AUCTIONS BY LICENSED
AUCTIONEERS AT BODINAYAKANUR AND PUTTADY E-AUCTION CENTRE FOR
THE PERIOD FROM 26.06.2021 to 09.07.2021**

Date	Day	E-Auction Centre Venue	Time	Name of the Auctioneer licensed to conduct the Auction
26.06.2021	Saturday	Bodinayakanur	10 am to 1.30 pm	M/s South Indian Green Cardamom Company Limited.
			2.30 pm to 6 pm	M/s Green Cardamom Trading Company.
28.06.2021	Monday	Puttady	10 am to 1.30 pm	M/s The Cardamom Planters Marketing Co-operative Society Limited.
			2.30 pm to 6 pm	M/s Cardamom Planters Association.
29.06.2021	Tuesday	Bodinayakanur	10 am to 1.30 pm	M/s Header Systems (India) Limited.
			2.30 pm to 6 pm	M/s Green House Cardamom Marketing India Private Limited.
30.06.2021	Wednesday	Puttady	10 am to 1.30 pm	M/s The Kerala Cardamom Processing and Marketing Company Limited.
			2.30 pm to 6 pm	M/s Cardamom Growers Forever Pvt Ltd.
01.07.2021	Thursday	Bodinayakanur	10 am to 1.30 pm	M/s MAS Enterprises Limited.
			2.30 pm to 6 pm	M/s Spice More Trading Company.
02.07.2021	Friday	Puttady	10 am to 1.30 pm	M/s Idukki District Traditional Cardamom Producer Company Limited.
			2.30 pm to 6 pm	M/s Sugandhagiri Spices Promoters & Traders Private Limited.
3.07.2021	Saturday	Puttady	10 am to 1.30 pm	M/s Green Cardamom Trading Company.
			2.30 pm to 6 pm	M/s South Indian Green Cardamom Company Limited.
05.07.2021	Monday	Bodinayakanur	10 am to 1.30 pm	M/s Cardamom Planters Association.
			2.30 pm to 6 pm	M/s The Cardamom Planters Marketing Co-operative Society Limited.

06.07.2021	Tuesday	Puttady	10 am to 1.30 pm	M/s Green House Cardamom Marketing India Private Limited.
			2.30 pm to 6 pm	M/s Header Systems (India) Limited.
07.07.2021	Wednesday	Bodinayakanur	10 am to 1.30 pm	M/s Cardamom Growers Forever Pvt Ltd.
			2.30 pm to 6 pm	M/s The Kerala Cardamom Processing and Marketing Company Limited.
08.07.2021	Thursday	Puttady	10 am to 1.30 pm	M/s Spice More Trading Company.
			2.30 pm to 6 pm	M/s MAS Enterprises Limited.
09.07.2021	Friday	Bodinayakanur	10 am to 1.30 pm	M/s Sugandhagiri Spices Promoters & Traders Private Limited.
			2.30 pm to 6 pm	M/s Idukki District Traditional Cardamom Producer Company Limited.

(* Lunch Break 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm)

Director (Mktg)

[Hindi Version will follow]

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

4. The e-auctions will be conducted @ two auction per day. First auction should be commenced from 10.00 am to 1.30 pm and after the lunch break (1.30 pm to 2.30 pm), the second auction should be taken place from 2.30 pm to 6.00 pm after the completion of sanitation works.
5. In order to ensure the safe social distancing norms, the seating will be restricted to the alternate terminals and also opposite sides to a maximum of **25 terminals** to be used in an auction at Puttady E-auction centre and **45 terminals** in an auction at Bodinayakanur E-auction centre.
6. The pooling of cardamom brought by the farmers should be given priority in the pooling centres established by the Auctioneers.
7. The Officers in charge at Bodinayakanur and Puttady shall request the police department to depute officials for duty at the auction centre on the auction dates.

GUIDELINES

The following guidelines are issued for strict adherence by the Stakeholders in the Pooling and auction Centres.

1. The maximum number of participants at the Auction Hall at Puttady is limited to 25 Numbers.
2. The entry of the participants shall-be permitted only on producing a valid RTPCR negative result or 2nd dose of covid 19 vaccination certificate. The Auctioneer has to strictly comply with the norms for allowing the participants into the auction hall.
3. The participants are directed to adhere to strict covid protocol norms.
4. The auctioneers and participants of e-auction shall follow the guidelines on COVID-19 issued by Central as well as State Governments including the guidelines issued by the District Administration and District Medical Officer from time to time.
5. The Auctioneer shall screen the participants using thermal scanners and shall prevent those showing symptoms from entering the auction venue.
6. The Auctioneers shall provide adequate hand wash facilities, mask, sanitizers in the pooling centre / storage areas / e-auction centres for the use by farmers bidders, workers.
7. The Auctioneer shall display a notice related to washing protocol to be adopted in the pooling centre / storage areas / e-auction centres.

8. The weight of the sacks / gunny bags of cardamom shall be such that is worker can easily handle / carry it independently inside the godown without support of other worker in order to avoid control with co-workers.
9. The Auctioneer shall undertake spraying of disinfectants around the Storage area / pooling centre to ensure your hygiene and sanitation spray, duration mode etc. Care should be taken that disinfectant should not get into contact with cardamom.
10. All transport vehicles, Gunny bags or other packaging material shall be sanitized.
11. Adequate personal safety measures shall be taken for loading / unloading and transporting of cardamom and pooling centres / auction centres.
12. The Auctioneers shall ensure that crowding is avoided in the cardamom pooling / collection centres. Appropriate measures such as token system can be adopted to avoid crowding.
13. Entry to the auction hall and also to the campus during auction hours shall be restricted and only the limited number of ie. 25 buyers shall be allowed to enter in the auction Hall at Puttady and 45 buyers at Bodinayakanur.
14. It shall be ensured that interested buyers who are not able to participate in an auction due to restriction in numbers, are given opportunity in subsequent auctions. The responsibility shall lie with the Spices Board.
15. The Auctioneer shall engage minimum staff members in the pooling centre / storage area / auction centre.
16. Cleaning of the pooling / auction centre shall be undertaken on a daily basis to ensure the hygiene and sanitation.
17. Workers, farmers. traders, employees of auctioneers shall practice social distancing in the pooling centres / auction centres at any point of time.
18. The auctioneers shall display the phone numbers of health authorities / ambulance / fire etc. in the pooling / auction centre for use during emergency.



DIRECTOR(MKTG)

Proceedings of the District Collector, Theni**Present: Thiru.K.V.Muralidharan, I.A.S.,**

Proc. No. 10170/2021/DM

Dated: .06.2021

Sub : Disaster Management - Theni District - Spices Board - Resuming e-auction centres with maximum capacity of 45 numbers for Cardamom auction at e-auction Centre Bodinayakanur with adhering the Standard Operating Procedures and guidelines for Covid-19 management - Orders issued - Reg.

Ref : 1. G.O. Ms. No.346 Revenue and Disaster Management (DM IV) Department Dated : 18.04.2021.
2. The District Collector, Theni Proc.No.10170/2021/DM, Dated : 28.04.2021
3. Director, Marketing, Spice Board, Cochin Lr. No. SB/SP/BSM/2019/1 Dated : 11.06.2021

ORDER:

As per the reference (3) cited, Director (Marketing), Spice Board, Cochin e-auction centres in Bodinayakanur had stopped the e-auction of cardamom on 10.05.2021. It was informed that the production of cardamom during this current year is comparatively high and due to non-conduct of e-auction for the last month, huge quantity of cardamom is available with farmer and traders. Hence, The Director (Marketing), Spice Board, Cochin requested to resume the e-auction centres at Bodinayakanur.

However, now as per reference 1st cited, Government instructed to ensure the strict enforcement of the new guidelines, adherence of the Standard Operating Procedures issued for various activities and the National Directives for Covid-19 management. Hence, it is hereby permitted to resume two auction systems per day at e-auction centre, Bodinayakkanur as per the new guide lines given below.

1. The e-auction may be conducted at two times per day. First half should take place from 10.00 a.m to 1.30 p.m and after the lunch break (1.30 p.m to 2.30 p.m), the second auction should take place from 2.30 pm to 6.00 pm after the completion of sanitation work.
2. In order to ensure safe social distancing norms, the seating arrangements should be done on opposite sides and should accommodate the strength of 45 Numbers, keeping in mind the social distancing norms to be used at an auction.
3. The pooling of cardamom brought by the farmers should be given priority in the pooling centres established by the Auctioneers.
4. The Deputy Director, Spices Board shall request the police department to depute officials for duty at the auction centre on the auction dates.

5. The auctioneers and participants of e-auction shall follow the guidelines on COVID - 19 issued by Central as well as State Governments including the guidelines issued by the District Administration and District Medical Officer then and there.
6. The Auctioneers shall screen the participants using thermal scanners and shall prevent those showing symptoms from entering the auction venue.
7. The auctioneers shall provide adequate hand wash facilities, mask, sanitizers in the pooling centre / storage areas / e-auction centres for the use by farmers bidder, workers
8. The auctioneers shall display a notice related to washing protocol to be adopted in the pooling centre / storage areas / e-auction centres.
9. The weight of the sacks / gunny bags of Cardamom shall be such that is worker can easily handle / carry it independently inside the godown without the support of other worker in order to avoid control with co-workers.
10. The Auctioneers shall undertake spraying of disinfectants around the storage Area/Pooling Centre to ensure hygiene and sanitation, in consultation with Health Department in regard to type of disinfectant spray, duration, mode, etc. Care should be taken that the disinfectant should not get into contact with cardamom.
11. All transport vehicles, Gunny bag or other packaging material shall be sanitized.
12. Adequate personal safety measures shall be taken for loading / unloading and transporting of Cardamom and pooling centres / auction centres.
13. The auctioneers shall ensure that crowding is avoided in the cardamom pooling / collection centres. Appropriate measures such as token system can be adopted to avoid crowing.
14. Entry to the auction hall and also to the campus during auction hours shall be restricted only to the actual auctioneers of the day and 45 buyers shall be allowed to enter into the auction Hall.
15. It shall be ensured that interested buyers who are not able to participate in an auction may be given an opportunity in subsequent auctions. The responsibility shall lie with the Spices Board.
16. The auctioneers shall engage minimum staff in the pooling centre / storage area / auction centre.
17. Cleaning of the pooling / auction centre shall be undertaken on a daily basis to ensure the hygiene and sanitation.
18. Workers, farmers, traders, employees of auctioneers shall practice social distancing in the pooling centres / auction centers at any point of time.
19. The auctioneers shall display the phone numbers of health authorities / ambulance / fire etc. in the pooling / auction centre for use during emergency.

Adopting the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) of COVID - 19 issued by the Government of Tamil Nadu vide reference cited 1st above it is permitted to resume the two auction systems with the capacity of 45 terminals at the e-auction centre Bodinayakanur with effect from 21.06.2021 onwards.

[Handwritten Signature]
District Collector
Theni

To
The Director (Marketing), Spices Board, Cochin.

Copy to :

1. **Municipal Commissioner, Bodinayakanur for necessary action and intimate the status to this office time to time.**
2. Superintendent of Police, Theni
3. Tahsildar, Bodinayaikanur
4. The Deputy Director (Health Services), Theni
5. Deputy Director Horticulture, Theni
6. Deputy Director of Agriculture, Agri Business and Agri Marketing, Theni
6. Assistant Director (Marketing), Spices Board, Bodinayakanur

[Handwritten Signature]
14/6/2021
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} For follow up and necessary action

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Collectorate, Idukki

Date - 23-06-2021

E-mail - deocidk@gmail.com

**District Collector & Chairman,
District Disaster Management Authority, Idukki District,
Kerala State, Pin - 685 603**

Director (MKTG),
Spices Board, Kochi.

Sir,

Sub - Conduct of e-auction at Spices Park Puttady - Permission issued - Reg.

Ref - Letter No. SB/SP/BMS/2019/1 dated 11/06/2021 from the office of Director (MKTG) Spices Board, Cochin.

Attention is invited to the Subject and reference cited above. Due to the restrictions imposed by the Government in view of the second phase of Covid -19 pandemic, Spices Board had stopped the e-auction of cardamom at e-auction center at Puttady with effect from 10th May 2021. Vide reference cited above, permission was requested for resuming the e-auction of cardamom at Board's auction center at puttady stating that the number of buyer terminals will be limited to fifty.

Considering the urgent need for safe guarding the interest of the farming community and avoiding the distress sale of cardamom, permission is hereby issued to the Spices Board for resuming the e-auction of cardamom by limiting the total number of participants to twenty five. The entry of the participants shall be permitted only on producing a valid RTPCR negative result or 2nd dose covid vaccination certificate. The participants are directed to adhere to strict covid protocol norms. This permission shall not be applicable in containment zones. The authorities concerned are directed to ensure strict compliance of covid protocol at the auction centre.

Yours Faithfully,

Sd/-

District Collector & Chairman

Copy to :-

- 1) District Police Chief, Idukki
- 2) District Medical Officer (Health), Idukki
- 3) Deputy Director of Panchayath, Idukki
- 4) Revenue Divisional Officer, Idukki
- 5) Tahsildar, Peermade
- 6) Concerned Station House Officers (Through District Police Chief)
- 7) Concerned Grama Panchayath Secretary (Through DDP)
- 8) Sector Magistrate (Through Tahsildar, Idukki)

//Forwarded by Order//

Junior Superintendent (DM)