


III.1.2. Scheme rules for providing assistance for deliberate processing of Block Rubber from Cuplump

- I. Title: These rules shall be called the Rubber Board scheme rules for extending financial assistance to growers, Rubber Producers Societies and Processing Factories.
- II. Objective: The objective of the project is to promote processing of quality block rubber from deliberately Coagulated Latex (Cup-lump). The consumer sector prefers block rubber owing to its consistent quality, higher storage capability, technically specified grades, easier handling, etc. Gradual transition to block rubber is evident as the consuming industry prefers the same.
- III. This component is continuation of a pilot scheme for promoting deliberate processing of block rubber from latex coagulum (LC) approved for 2016-17 and 2017-18 by the Department of Commerce & Industry in August 2016, confining to 3 units in RPS/Co-operative sectors. Rates of assistance and other conditions as per the approval communication of the pilot scheme will be valid if otherwise not stated in these Rules.
- IV. Eligibility: (i) Growers holding a planted area upto 10 Ha (ii) Rubber Producers Societies and (iii) Processing Units in RPS/Co-Operative sector namely, M/s. Kavanar Latex Ltd. Pala, M/s. Kerala State Co-operative Rubber Marketing Federation Ltd. (Rubber Mark)- CRF Chenappady, M/s. INDIAR Crumb Rubber Factory Pala, are eligible for financial assistance under this scheme. Small growers supplying LC to private sector factories also will be included subject to availability of funds.
- V. Terms and Conditions :
 1. The scheme will be implemented during 2017-18 and 2018-19.
 2. Eligibility for the assistance under this scheme will be at the following rates:
 - a. Growers- @Rs.10/kg DRC of LC supplied to the designated units.
 - b. RPS - @Rs.2/kg DRC of LC supplied to the designated units through the RPS.
 - For establishing storage and handling facility of the LC, RPS will be paid Rs. 3.00 Lakhs.
 - c. Processing Factories (M/s. Kavanar Latex Ltd. Pala, M/s. Kerala State Co-operative Rubber Marketing Federation Ltd. (Rubber

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Mark)- CRF Chenappady, M/s. INDIAR Crumb Rubber Factory Pala): – @Rs.2/kg DRC of block rubber processed from out of the deliberately coagulated LC supplied by growers/through RPSs.

3. The grower who wishes to avail the financial assistance under this scheme will have to register with the Rubber Board through RPSs/Processing Factories. Those who have already registered in the Rubber Production Incentive Scheme (RPIS) of the Govt. of Kerala may submit the application in the prescribed format for registration in this scheme, quoting the RPIS-RR Number. This Register Number will be used to identify the grower for further processing of claims.


Those who have not registered in RPIS should apply to the Rubber Board through any RPS or directly for registration in this scheme along with the following documents: (i) Application in the prescribed form with photograph (ii) copy of Aadhar card, (iii) copy of savings bank/current account passbook showing the IFS code& Account No. (iv) Copy of Land Tax Receipt/proof of ownership. The new registration number issued by the Board to such applicants will be used to identify the grower for further processing of claims.

Individual grower will have to link his/her bank account with the Aadhar Number.

4. Non-individuals (Trust, Charitable institutions, etc) have to provide their PAN number and the institution's bank account details.
5. Financial assistance will be released in Direct Beneficiary Transfer (DBT) mode, based on the actual quantity delivered by each grower limited to 1800Kg/Ha of tapped area per annum and a maximum limit of 300Kg/Ha per month.
6. The LC produced by growers and supplied through RPS/directly to the Processing Factory will only be eligible for the assistance.
7. The LC so collected should not have DRC above 70 percent.
8. The bills issued by the Processing Factories should bear the RPS-Code (if through RPS) and the registration number of the grower as specified in Clause 4(iv).
9. The grower will have to submit to Rubber Board (either directly or through an RPS), the purchase bill issued by the Processing Factory for

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the materials supplied by him, on or before 15th of the succeeding month. The eligible financial assistance will be released to the beneficiary's bank account directly, if otherwise eligible subject to fund availability.

10. The Rubber Producers Societies who collect and supply the Latex Coagulum (LC) to the designated Processing Factories have to submit the claim to the Rubber Board and a statement of beneficiaries and the quantity sold through RPS with proof of delivery (purchase bills received from the growers) to the respective Processing Factories in the beginning of the succeeding month. Eligible assistance will be approved in the same month and recommended for payment. Payment will be effected depending on fund availability.
11. The Processing Factories have to submit their claims with the proof and a statement of the quantity procured in the previous month and a statement of RPS/beneficiaries to Rubber Board in the beginning of the succeeding month. Eligible assistance will be approved in the same month and recommended for payment. Payment will be effected depending on fund availability.
12. Rubber Board will verify the claims preferred by the three parties and eligible financial assistance will be released only after ensuring the quantities of respective claims.
13. The RPSs are also eligible for the assistance of creating storage facilities for LC to improve and maintain the quality. The assistance will be subject to actual expenditure incurred and limited to the eligibility as specified in IV-2(b).
14. The books of Account/Registers/Other documents related to purchase/production/sales in connection with this activity shall be open for inspection by the authorised officers of the Board at all times.
15. Notwithstanding the stipulation above, any or all the conditions under these Rules, the Executive Director, Rubber Board will have discretionary powers to grant or refuse the claims or limit the grant to a particular amount.
16. The Executive Director, Rubber Board will have the powers to alter/modify any provisions of the Rules for smooth operation of the scheme.

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17. The activity will be subject to availability of funds earmarked for this purpose/sanctioned budget of the Board for the respective years.

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