SRI LANKA TEA BOARD

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

Ref: TB/TC/DEV/IRRI/2027 **28th September 2026**

Owners of the Medium Scale Tea Estates (more than 10 acres)

Sirs,

FINANCIAL ASISTANCE TO ESTABLISH IRRIGATION SYSTEMS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR MEDIUM SCALE TEA ESTATES (MORE THAN 10 ACRES)-2027

1.0 Introduction:

A budgetary provision of the year 2027 is being made available to be utilized in order to provide financial assistance for the private sector medium scale tea estates (More than 10acres) for the establishment of Irrigation systems in tea fields. **This project applies for the tea fields with a plant density of more than 4,000 plants per acre. Permanent water source shall be available in tea fields as a prerequisite. The maximum subsidy amount is Rs.200,000.00 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. TB/TC/DEV/IRRI/2027-01) to the Assistant Tea Commissioner of the area **on or before 31st October 2026**. 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 . 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 land. 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) Financial assistance will be released on the completion of the project as more fully described below;

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

Stage	Point of release of Financial assistance	Approved amounts is (Rs/Cts) per Acre
After completion of establishment of water source, pump and purchasing of pipes	After commencement of initial stages and purchasing of required equipment.	100,000.00
After completion of irrigation system on the tea field	After completion of the project	100,000.00
Total		200,000.00

(ii) Monitoring Field 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.

(iii) Financial assistance for purchasing of required equipment - Applicants are eligible to receive financial assistance after completing the above mentioned 1-2 stages successfully and will be paid after producing of bills and proof documents to the SLTB.

(iv) The subsidy payment will directly be made to the bank account number of the beneficiary. The beneficiary should provide payment details with the application.

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

(v) 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 Applications that could not be accommodated in 2026 due to financial constraints will be considered for approval in 2027.

8.0 Assistant Tea Commissioners attached to the Regional Offices of the SLTB 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
ii. Assistant Tea Commissioner Walahanduwa Watta,Walahanduwa 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 No 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 District Galle Districts (Elpitiya Divisional Secretariat area)
vii.	Assistant Tea Commissioner No 10, Nanuoya Road, Kelegala, Nuwara Eliya. Tel : 0522234695/Fax: 0522234686	Nuwara Eliya District

9.0 For more information, please contact :

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

K.A.M.K.Jayawardena
Tea Commissioner

Copies: : (1) Secretary, Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure
(2) Chairman, Sri Lanka Tea Board.
(3) Chairman, Tea Small Holding Development Authority (Pl. copy this to your Regional Managers)
(4) Chairman, Tea Research Institute
(5) Chairman, Sri Lanka Tea Factory Owners Association
(6) Chairman, Janatha Estate Development Board
(7) Chairman, Sri Lanka State Plantation Corporation
(8) Chairman, Colombo Tea Traders' Association
(9) Chairman, Colombo Brokers Association
(10) Chairman, Planter's Association of Ceylon
(11) Director General, Sri Lanka Tea Board
(12) Director, Tea Research Institute
(13) Chief Internal Auditor, SLTB
(14) Superintendent – Government Audit Division
(15) Deputy Tea Commissioners (Development/Regulatory)
(16) All Assistant Tea Commissioners– Please issue copies to Tea Instructor/Inspectors

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APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF IRRIGATION SYSTEMS FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR MEDIUM SCALE TEA ESTATES (10-50 ACRES) PROJECTS - 2027

(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: .....

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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 : .....

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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**

13.0 Payment details of applicant:

Name of the Beneficiary	NIC Number	Name of the Account	Account No	Name of the Bank and Branch

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: ....

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. TB/TC/DEV/IRRI/2027 dated **28th September 2026.**

4. Application submitted after the closing date will be rejected. (Closing Date 31st October 2026)