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to provide for the constitution of a Welfare Fund for the welfare of the farmers engaged in agriculture in the State of Kerala and to pay pension and other allowances to them and for the matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Preamble.—WHEREAS, it is expedient to provide for the constitution of a welfare fund for the welfare of the farmers engaged in agriculture in the State of Kerala and to pay pension and other allowances to them and for the matters connected therewith or incidental thereto;

BE it enacted in the Sixty-ninth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) This Act may be called the Kerala Farmers' Welfare Fund Act, 2018.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. *Definitions.*—In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) "agriculture" includes horticulture, farming of medicinal plants, crops and intercrops, fruit trees, vegetables, grass, fodder grass and trees or any kind of cultivation in soil, conducting nursery, breeding and keeping of livestock including fish, mussels, bees, silk worm, poultry, duck, cattle or pig and the use of land for agriculture allied activities or any other agricultural purposes.

(b) "Board" means the Kerala Farmers' Welfare Fund Board constituted under section 10;

(c) "Chief Executive Officer" means the Chief Executive Officer appointed under sub-section (1) of section 14;

(d) "contribution" means the sum of money payable to the Fund as per section 8;

(e) "family" means,—

(i) Wife or husband of the farmer, their minor or mentally or physically challenged children, unmarried daughters;

(ii) father and mother who are dependent on the farmer;

(f) "farmer" means a person who holds whether as owner, licensee, mortgagee in possession, oral lessee, Government land lessee or kuthaka pattakaran, or partly in one capacity and partly in another with possession of an extent of land not less than ten cents and not exceeding two hectares and annual income does not exceed Rupees one lakh and fifty thousand and whose principal means of livelihood is farming for a period of not less than five years:

Provided that Government may on the recommendation of the Board, by notification in the Gazette, revise the limit of annual income.

(g) "Fund" means the Kerala Farmers' Welfare Fund constituted under section 3;

(h) "Kissan Abhiman Scheme" means Small Scale Marginal Farmers Welfare Pension Scheme established by Government for small scale marginal farmers as per order number G.O. (P) No.22/09/AD dated 31st January, 2009;

(i) "member" means a member of the Fund ;

(j)"prescribed" means prescribed by rules under this Act;

(k)"Schedule" means the Schedule to this Act;

(l)"Scheme" means the Kerala Farmers' Welfare Fund Scheme framed under this Act.

3. *Farmers' Welfare Fund Scheme.*—(1) The Government shall, by notification in the Gazette, frame a Scheme to be called the

'Kerala Farmers' Welfare Fund Scheme' under this Act for the welfare of farmers and as soon as possible constitute a Fund in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the Scheme.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Scheme may provide for all or any of the matters specified in the Schedule.

(3) The following shall be credited to the Fund, namely:—

(i) arrears and interest received under section 6;

(ii) contribution specified in section 8;

(iii) amount in the Treasury Savings Bank under the "Kissan Abhiman Scheme" to be transferred under sub-section (1) of section 28;

(iv) grants, loans or advances received through the Central Government, State Government or any institutions;

(v) amount given by the Government annually to the Fund, equivalent to the amount being given by the Government to the Agriculture Department for the implementation of Kissan Abhiman Scheme;

(vi) amount raised through any legal means as per the decision of the Board to augment the resources of the Board;

(vii) fee levied as per the scheme;

(viii) amount received from the sale of Kerala Farmers' Welfare Stamp, as a part of generating income;

(ix) amount sanctioned for the welfare of the farmers as per any other law or Government order;

(x) any other amount, to be credited to the fund as per the provisions of the Scheme.

(4) The Fund shall vest in the Board and be administered by the Board as provided in this Act and Scheme.

(5) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Scheme the Fund may be utilized for all or any of the following purposes, namely:—

(a) for payment of pension at the rate eligible as per the Scheme, to the farmers who has become a member of the Welfare Fund by remitting contribution for a period of not less than five years and has completed sixty years of age:

Provided that in the case of any farmer who has completed fifty six years of age at the date of commencement of this Act and has become a member as per the provisions of sub-section (1) of Section 4 and is remitting contribution for the succeeding years, pension may be paid at eligible rate as per the Scheme, after he has completed the age of sixty years;

(b) for the payment of pension as implemented by the Government to the small scale marginal farmers who has completed sixty years of age and was receiving pension under the Kissan Abhiman Scheme:

Provided that those persons who are members of any other welfare fund and are receiving pension and other benefits shall not be eligible to get the benefits under the Scheme;

(c) for the payment of a fixed amount and pension at such rates specified in the Scheme to a person who is unable to continue work due to infirmity or has discontinued work and has paid the contribution for not less than five years, on the basis of number of years in which he has remitted the contribution.

(d) for payment of family pension and death benefits;

(e) for payment of financial assistance to the member who is suffering from permanent disability;

(f) for providing educational assistance and marriage expense of the member or children;

(g) for providing compensation for accidental death occurred during the farming activities, accident and death due to natural calamity, death due to attack of wild animals, physical disability and different types of poisoning and for such other distress as determined by the Government, by order, in consultation with the board;

(h) for the day to day administrative expenses of the Board.

(6) Fund may be invested in a profitable manner by the board, with the previous sanction of the Government.

(7) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Scheme framed under sub-section (1) may provide for the matters specified in sub-section (5) and in the Schedule.

(8) Scheme framed under sub-section (1) shall be laid as soon as may be after it is framed before the Legislative Assembly, while it is in session for a total period of fourteen days which may be comprised in one session or in two successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session in which it is so laid or the session immediately following, the Legislative Assembly makes any amendment in the Scheme or decides that the Scheme should not be made, the Scheme shall, thereafter, have effect only in such form as amended or be of no effect, as the case may be. However, that any such amendment or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that Scheme.

4. *Membership of the Fund.*—(1) Any Farmer, who has completed eighteen years of age shall be eligible to register as a member of the Fund as per the provision of this Act and Scheme:

Provided that, in case, if the amount of Kissan Abhiman Scheme is transferred to the fund under sub-section (1) of section 28, the members of the said Scheme shall be deemed to be the members of the fund from the date of such transfer:

Provided further that, any farmer who has completed the age of fifty six years on the date of commencement of this Act, shall be eligible to be a member of the Fund upto the age of sixty five years.

(2) Every application for registration as a member shall be accompanied by such documents and fee for registration, as specified in the Scheme.

(3) Application for registering as a member shall be made, in such form as may be prescribed, before the Agricultural Officer authorised by the

Government in this behalf, in whose jurisdiction the place where the applicant resides or where the farming land of the applicant comprises.

(4) In cases where the Agricultural Officer authorised under sub-section (3) is satisfied that the applicant have complied with the provisions of this Act and the Scheme, he shall immediately register the applicant as a member. If the application is rejected on any ground, the same shall be intimated to the applicant with its reasons in writing, within thirty days from the date of receipt of the application:

Provided that no application for registering as a member shall be rejected without giving the applicant an opportunity of being heard.

(5) Any person aggrieved by the decision under sub-section (4) may within such time as may be specified in the Scheme, prefer an appeal to the Chief Executive Officer or any other authority, as may be determined by the Government in this behalf and after conducting necessary inquiry on the appeal petition and after giving an opportunity of being heard to the appellant, the Chief Executive Officer or such other authority shall take a decision on such appeal within thirty days from the date of its receipt, and such decision shall be final.

(6) Every member shall be given a membership certificate, identity card and a pass book with the details recorded, in such format and manner as may be prescribed and a register regarding this shall be maintained in the office concerned.

(7) For the purposes provided in this section, the Chief Executive Officer shall make necessary arrangements for maintaining the prescribed registers and other records.

5. *Cancellation of membership in the Fund*—(1) The membership of a member shall be cancelled, if it is found that the member has carried out any kind of manipulation or has given false information at any time in connection with the conditions for the membership or to obtain the benefits as per the Scheme:

Provided that, no order of cancellation of membership shall be issued, without giving the applicant an opportunity of being heard.

(2) Membership in the Fund shall cease, if a member makes default in the payment of contribution continuously for a period of one year.

6. *Revival of membership.*—The revival of the membership may be granted on the payment of arrears along with the interest at the rate of twelve percent per annum within one year from date of cessation of membership, under sub-section (2) of Section 5.

7. *Registers shall be maintained in the Krishi Bhavans.*—A register in the prescribed manner showing the details, which are necessary for the implementation of the Scheme shall be maintained in all the Krishibhavans and it shall be made available for inspection, whenever required by the Chief Executive Officer or the Officer authorized by him. Registers of the Krishibhavans may be maintained in the Information Technology based Centralized Scheme.

8. *Contribution to the Fund.*—(1) Each farmer shall contribute to the Fund at the rate of fifty rupees per month.

(2) The Board may, with the approval of the Government, revise the rate of contribution subject to a maximum limit of two hundred and fifty rupees from time to time.

(3) In each financial year Government shall pay to the fund an amount as contribution equivalent to the amount of contribution to be paid by the members. On the requisition of the Board, the Government share, proportionate to the amount deposited by the members may be paid half yearly.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (3), the Government may take necessary steps to make available to the Board, the amount equal to the amount allotted by the Government for the payment of pension under Kissan Abhiman Scheme before the date of commencement of this Act, every year in the prescribed manner.

9. *Members shall take insurance policy.*—The members shall join the insurance scheme as decided by the Board.

10. *Constitution of the Board.*—(1) On the commencement of this Act, the Government may, by notification in the gazette, constitute a Board by name the

'Kerala Farmers' Welfare Fund Board' to supervise and carry out the functions of payment of financial assistance from the Fund.

(2) The Board shall be a body corporate by the name aforesaid, having perpetual succession and common seal and shall in the said name sue and be sued.

(3) The Government shall, by notification in the gazette, nominate a person having expertise in agriculture as the Chairman of the Board.

(4) In addition to the Chairman, the Board shall consist of the following directors, namely:—

(i) Agricultural production Commissioner ;

(ii) Secretary, Agriculture department or representative;

(iii) Director, Agriculture Department;

(iv) Nine members nominated by the Government, representing farmers;

(v) One representative of the Finance Secretary;

(vi) One representative of the Law Secretary;

(vii) Chief Executive Officer, Kerala Vegetable and Fruit Promotion Council (VFPCCK).

(5) The following officers shall be there for the administration of the Board, namely:—

(i) Chief Executive Officer, he shall be from the cadre of Additional Director of Agriculture Department;

(ii) Joint Chief Executive Officer, he shall be from the cadre of Joint Director, Agriculture Department;

(iii) Assistant Chief Executive Officers, they shall be from the cadre of Assistant Director of Agriculture Department and shall function at the three zonal levels;

(iv) Administrative Officer, he shall be from the cadre of Under Secretary to Government;

(v) Finance Officer, he shall be from the cadre of Under Secretary, Finance Department.

(6) The extent of the amount to be incurred for the administrative expenses of the Board from the Fund shall be 20% of the contribution.

(7) The Board shall administer the Fund vested in it, in such manner as may be specified in the Scheme.

(8) The Board may, with the prior approval of the Government, delegate the powers and functions under this Act or Scheme as it may consider necessary for the efficient administration of the Fund to the Chairman or to the Chief Executive Officer or to any officers or employees appointed under sub-section (1) of section 14, subject to such restrictions and conditions, if any, as it may specify.

11. *Meetings of the Board.*—(1) The Board shall meet at least once in three months to transact its business.

(2) The quorum for a meeting of the board shall be at least three official directors and four non-official directors including the Chairman.

(3) In the absence of the Chairman, a director elected from among the directors present at the meeting shall preside over the meeting of the Board.

(4) Any matter coming up before a meeting of the Board shall be decided by a majority of votes of the directors present at the meeting and in the case of equality of votes, the Chairman or the director who is presiding over the meeting, shall have a right of casting vote.

12. *Term of office of the Directors.*—(1) A non-official Director appointed under sub-section (4) of section 10 shall hold office up to three years from the date on which he assumes charge.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in section 13, the Government may, at any time, showing reasons to be recorded in writing, remove any Director of the Board, after giving him a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the proposed removal:

Provided that it shall not be necessary to record in writing, the reason for removal or to give an opportunity of showing cause against the proposed removal, if the Government is of the opinion that it is not expedient in the public interest, to record the reasons in writing or to give such opportunity.

(3) Any Director may resign his office by giving notice in writing to the Government and that shall come into force on the date of acceptance of the resignation letter by the Government.

13 Disqualification and removal of non-official Director.—(1) A non-official Director of the Board shall not be eligible to continue in his official position and Government shall remove him from the said position, if he,—

(a) becomes a person of unsound mind;

(b) is adjudged as undischarged insolvent;

(c) has been convicted for an offence involving moral turpitude and is sentenced for imprisonment;

(d) in the opinion of the Government is ineligible to function as a Director of the Board or has become incapable or has abused his position as Director and his continuance as such is detrimental to public interest;

(e) does not attend three consecutive meetings of the Board, without its permission:

Provided that before removing a Director under clause (e), he shall be given a reasonable opportunity to show cause why he should not be removed.

(2) A non-official Director of the Board removed under clause (e) of sub-section (1) shall be disqualified for re-appointment as a Director of the Board for a period of one year from the date of his removal.

14 Appointment of officers and staff.—(1)The Government may, to assist the Board to perform the duties and functions of the Board appoint

a Chief-Executive Officer, officers specified in sub-section (5) of section 10, on deputation basis and appoint directly other officers and staff as may consider necessary and authorise other officers and employees including Agricultural officers in Agriculture Department, by order.

(2) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (3), the method of appointment, salary, allowances and other conditions of service of other officers and staff appointed under sub-section (1), shall be determined by the Board with the approval of the Government.

(3) The provisions of clauses (a), (b) and (c) of rule 14 and the provisions in rules 15, 16, 17 and 17(a) of the Kerala State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1958 as amended from time to time shall be followed, *mutatis mutandis* in the case of appointment through direct recruitment to the posts in the services under the Board.

15. *Sitting fees, travelling allowances and daily allowances to the Directors of the Board.*—The sitting fee, travelling allowance and daily allowance of the non-official Directors of the Board shall be at such rates as may be prescribed.

16. *Collection of contribution.*—(1) Every farmer who is liable to pay contribution to the Fund as per section 8 shall pay the amount payable, in time.

(2) Every farmer shall pay the contribution payable to the Fund under section 8, to the respective Krishi Bhavan and it shall be the duty of Agricultural Officer concerned to remit such amount to the Fund in the manner as may be prescribed.

(3) Where the contribution received under sub-section (2) is not remitted to the Fund on or before the date on which the amount is to be remitted, the Board has the power to recover the amount with interest from the responsible officers.

17. *Kerala Farmers' Welfare Fund Stamp.*— (1) The Board may print in Government press, stamps of the value not exceeding fifty rupees, as decided by it

with the prior permission of the Government, in such form and manner, as may be prescribed and stamped as " Kerala Farmers' Welfare Fund Stamp".

(2) On the recommendation of the Board, the Government may issue order directing to affix the Farmers' Welfare Stamp in specified categories of applications submitted to such offices or institutions of the Government and the specified categories of certificates, records and other documents issued by such offices or institutions as determined by the Government.

(3) The stamps printed as per this section shall be under the custody of the Board and the distribution and sale of the stamp shall be in such manner as may be prescribed.

18. *Power to summon witnesses and take evidence.*—(1) The Board shall, for the purposes of inquiry under this Act, have the same powers as are vested in a civil court while trying a suit under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (Central Act 5 of 1908) in respect of the following matters, namely:—

- (a) enforcing the attendance of any person or examining him on oath;
- (b) requiring the discovery and production of documents;
- (c) receiving evidence on affidavits and
- (d) issuing commissions for the examination of witnesses.

19. *Bar on jurisdiction of Civil Courts.*—No Civil Courts shall have jurisdiction to settle, decide, deal with any question or to determine any matter which is by or under this Act or the Scheme required to be settled, decided or dealt with or to be determined by the Government or the Board or the Chief Executive Officer or any other officer authorised by the Board.

20. *Directors of the Board etc. to be Public Servants.*—Every Director of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and other officers and staff of the Board appointed under this Act shall be deemed to be a public servant within the meaning of section 21 of the Indian Penal Code (Central Act 45 of 1860).

21. *Protection of action taken in good faith.*—No suit or other legal proceeding shall lie against any Director of the Board or the Chief Executive Officer or any other person in respect of anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done under this Act or Scheme.

22. *Power of the Board to borrow.*—The Board may, from time to time, with the previous approval of the Government and subject to such terms and conditions as may be specified by the Government, borrow money for the purposes of the Fund.

23. *Directions of the Government.*—(1) The Government may give general directions to be followed by the Board.

(2) While exercising the powers and performing its duties under this Act, the Board shall not depart from any general directions issued under sub-section (1), except with the previous permission of the Government.

24. *Power to supersede Board.*—(1) If the Government is satisfied that the Board has persistently made default in the performance of the duties imposed it by or under the provisions of this Act or the Scheme, exceeded or abused its powers, the Government may, by notification in the Gazette, supersede the Board for such period not exceeding six months, as may be specified in the notification.

(2) In the case of supersession of the Board under sub-section (1) the Government may appoint an Administrator for the administration of the Board

25. *Audit of the Accounts of the Fund.*—(1) The Government shall appoint Auditors to audit the accounts of the Fund.

(2) The accounts of the Fund shall be examined and audited by such auditors once in every year.

(3) Government may, in respect of the audit report, or further proceeding, as it deem fit, may further examine the audit report by the Accountant General.

26. *Annual Report and Audited Statement of Accounts.*—(1) The annual report of the Board shall be prepared by the Chief Executive Officer under the directions of the Board and after approval by the Board, a

copy of the report together with the audited statement of accounts shall be submitted to the Government within six months after the end of every year.

(2) The Government shall, as soon as the annual report is received under sub-section (1) cause the same together with the audited statement of such accounts to be laid before the next session of the Legislative Assembly immediately follows.

27. *Power to make Rules.*—(1) The Government may, by notification in the Gazette, make rules either prospectively or retrospectively for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act and for all other purposes of the Scheme.

(2) Every rule made under this Act shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before the Legislative Assembly, while it is in session for a total period of fourteen days which may be comprised in one session or in two successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session in which it is so laid or the session immediately following, the Legislative Assembly makes any amendments in the rule or decides that the rule should not be made, the rule shall, thereafter, have effect only in such amended form or be of no effect, as the case may be, so, however, that any such amendment or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.

28. *Provisions for the transfer of fund from Kissan Abhiman Scheme.*—(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force and from the date to be notified by the Government for this purpose, all amounts in the credit of the existing Kissan Abhiman Scheme for the payment of pension to the small scale marginal farmers shall stand transferred to and credited to the fund.

(2) All the rights and disputes regarding the Kissan Abhiman Scheme may be decided by the Board.

(3) The Kissan Abhiman Scheme shall ceased to exist from the date of transfer of the fund as per sub-section (1).

SCHEDULE

[See Section 3(7)]

1. The manner of administration of fund by the Board (including the making of bye-law)
2. Registration of farmers.
3. The time and manner in which the contribution to be made to the fund by the farmer and the manner in which the contribution to be collected.
4. The constitution of any committee for assisting the Board.
5. Duties of the Chief Executive Officer.
6. The manner in which accounts shall be maintained, the investment of money in the Fund in accordance with any directions issued or conditions specified by the Government, preparation of Budget, the audit of accounts, further actions to be taken on audit report, submission of report to the Government etc.
7. The form in which a member shall furnish the particulars about himself and his family whenever required.
8. The conditions under which withdrawal from the Fund may be permitted and any deduction or forfeiture may be made and the maximum amount of such deduction or forfeiture.
9. The manner of nominating a person to receive family pension on the death of a member, or cancellation or variation of such nomination.
10. The registers and records to be maintained in respect of the members and the returns to be furnished.
11. Form of identity card for the purpose of identifying any member of the Fund, its issue, custody and replacement.
12. Fees to be levied for any of the purposes specified in the schedule.
13. The additional powers, if any, which may be exercised by the officers, appointed under this Act.

14. The purposes for which the Fund may be utilised.
15. The procedure for defraying the expenditure incurred in the administration of the Fund.
16. The matter for which the fund may be utilised for the welfare of the members or their dependents.
17. Headquarters of the Board, daily allowance of the Board Members, Travelling Allowance, Honorarium etc.
18. Any other matter to be provided in the scheme or necessary for implementing the scheme.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Agriculture and allied sectors are the integral parts of the Economic development of Kerala. The number of farmers, who are seeking their livelihood from Agriculture is diminishing due to several reasons. The National Agricultural Commission has directed to give priority to small scale marginal farmers in all welfare programmes for attracting and retaining more people especially younger generation into agriculture.

By taking into consideration of the most important matters of security and welfare of farmers in agricultural sector most prominent places has to be given to it. For achieving the aim of ensuring social status and economic prosperity to farmers, give pension and other financial assistance to them, to attract the future generation to agriculture sector, to provide life of prosperity to the farmer community etc. the Government has decided to constitute a Welfare Fund and to make a legislation for it.

The Bill is intended to achieve the above said object.

FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

Clause 8 of the Bill provides that the Government shall give an amount at the rate of rupees fifty per month equivalent to the amount paid by each farmer, as contribution to the fund. If the Bill is enacted and brought into operation, a recurring expenditure of approximately Rs.18.09 crores proportionate to the

amount collected at the rate of Rs.50 as contribution from the farmers, per year is expected to be met from the Consolidated Fund of the State.

After the initial establishment stage, the Board will become self sufficient by augmenting different revenue sources and grants from the Government.

MEMORANDUM REGARDING DELEGATED LEGISLATION

Sub-clause (1) of clause 3 of the Bill empowers Government to establish 'Kerala Farmers' Welfare Fund Scheme' and to issue notification for the constitution of a fund in conformity with this act in Official Gazette.

(2) Sub-clause (6) of clause 4 of the Bill empower the Government to prescribe the form and manner of the identity cards to be issued to every members.

(3) Sub-clause (7) of clause 4 of the Bill empowers the Government to prescribe the registers and other documents required for the purpose of clause 4.

(4) Clause 7 of the Bill, empowers the Government to prescribe the manner of registers to be kept in krishi bhavans.

(5) Sub-clause (4) of clause 8 seeks to empower the Government to prescribe the method to make available the amount equivalent to the amount allotted by the Government to grant pension under the "Kisan Abhiman Scheme " prior to the commencement of this Act.

(6) Sub-clause (1) of clause 10 of the bill empowers the Government to constitute a Board by name "Kerala Farmers' Welfare Fund Board" to supervise and carry out the functions of payment of financial assistance from the fund, by notification in the gazette.

(7) Sub-clause (3) of clause 10 of the bill empowers the Government to nominate a person having expertise in agriculture as the Chairman of the Board by notification in the gazette.

(8) Clause 15 of the bill seeks to empower the Government to prescribe the sitting fees, travelling allowances and daily allowance of the non-official Directors of the Board.

(9) Sub-clause (1) of Clause 17 of the bill seeks to empower the Government to prescribe the manner and description of the 'Farmers' Welfare Fund Stamp'

(10) Sub-clause (1) of clause 24 seeks to empower the Government to supersede the Board for a period not exceeding six months, if the Board exceeds or abuses its powers, through a notification in the official gazette.

(11) Sub-clause (1) of clause 27 of the bill seeks to empower the Government to make rules, either with prospective or retrospective effect by notification in the gazette.

(12) The matters in respect of which rules are to be made or notifications are to be issued are matters of procedure and are of routine or administrative in nature. Further, such rules and notifications are subject to the scrutiny of the Legislative Assembly. Hence, the delegation of legislative power is of a normal character.

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NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 2.—This clause seeks to define certain words and expressions used in the Bill.

Clause 3.—Sub-clause (1) of this clause seeks to constitute a Scheme to be called the "Kerala Farmers' Welfare Fund Scheme" and a Fund to be called the "Kerala Farmers' Welfare Fund". Sub-clause (2) is regarding the matters which may be provided in the Scheme. Sub-clause (3) is regarding the items of income to be credited to the Fund. Sub-clause (4) provides that the Fund shall vest in the Board and be administered by the Board. Sub-clause (5) directs the purposes for which the Fund may be utilised.

Clause 4.—This clause seeks to provide for the manner of applying for membership in the Fund, receipt of application, decision taking, registration of members, appeal by those who are denied membership and certificate to be issued to the numbers and the register in connection with it.

Clause 5.—This clause seeks to provide the circumstances under which the membership in the Fund will be revoked.

Clause 6.—This clause seeks to provide how the revoked membership can be revised.

Clause 7.—This clause seeks to provide for the registers to be kept in Krishibhavans for the implementation of the Scheme.

Clause 8.—This clause seeks to provide for the rate of contribution to be remitted by each farmers and the Government.

Clause 9.—This clause seeks to provide for joining in the insurance by the members.

Clause 10.—This clause seeks to provide for the constitution of the Board, appointment of its Chairman, members and employees and powers and functions of the Board.

Clause 11.—This clause seeks to provide for the meeting of the Board and quorum.

Clause 12.—This clause seeks to provide the term of office of Directors and their removal.

Clause 13.—This clause seeks to provide for the disqualifications of un-official Directors of the Board and their removal.

Clause 14.—This clause seeks to provide for the method of appointment of the officers and employees of the Board.

Clause 15.—This clause seeks to provide for the sitting fee and travelling allowance of the Directors of the Board.

Clause 16.—This clause seeks to provide for the manner of giving contribution and the action to be taken against the officer who fails to remit the said amount to the Fund in time.

Clause 17.—This clause seeks to provide for the manner of printing a stamp by name Kerala Farmers' Welfare Fund Stamp and the applications and documents on which it is to be affixed.

Clause 18.—This clause seeks to provide for the powers of the Board to summon the witnesses and taking evidence for the purpose of inquiry.

Clause 19.—This clause seeks to bar the jurisdiction of Civil Courts in certain matters.

Clause 20.—This clause seeks to provide that the Directors, the Chief Executive Officer and other officers and employees of the Board shall be deemed to be the public servants.

Clause 21.—This clause seeks to provide protection of acts done in goodfaith by the Directors or Chief Executive Officer or other persons of the Board.

Clause 22.—This clause seeks to provide for the power of the Board to borrow.

Clause 23.—This clause seeks to empower the Government to give general directions to be followed by the Board.

Clause 24.—This clause seeks to empower the Government to supersede the Board and to appoint an Administrator for exercising the powers and perform duties during the period of supersession.

Clause 25.—This clause seeks to provide for the manner of audit of accounts of the Board.

Clause 26.—This clause seeks to provide for the preparation of the annual report and audited statement of the accounts of the Board and to lay them on the table of the Legislative Assembly.

Clause 27.—This clause seeks to empower the Government to make rules either prospectively or retrospectively for carrying into effect the provisions of the Act.

Clause 28.—This clause seeks to provide for the transfer of amounts in the account of the existing Kissan Abhiman Scheme to Farmers' Welfare Fund Scheme.
