

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2423
ANSWERED ON 09TH MARCH, 2021

OPERATION GREENS SCHEME

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SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:
SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:
SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BAAIYA) :
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:
SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:
SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the Operation Green Scheme;
- (b) the details of the fund sanctioned, allocated and utilized under this scheme so far, State/UT-wise specially in Tamil Nadu and Assam;
- (c) the details of the number of products that are being covered under this scheme within Tamil Nadu and Assam;
- (d) the details of the target set and achievements made so far along with its response;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to include 22 perishable products under the scope of 'Operation Greens Scheme' which is presently applicable to tomatoes, onions and potatoes and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the demands received/action taken by the Government in this regard, State/UT-wise, so far?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a): In pursuance to budget announcement for the year 2018-19, Ministry has launched a new central sector scheme "Operation Greens – a scheme for integrated development of Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) value chain" with a budgetary allocation of Rs. 500 crores in November 2018.

Under short term price stabilization measures, during glut situation subsidy is provided at the rate of 50% for transportation and storage, for evacuation of TOP crops from production surplus areas to consumption centres. Further, in pursuance of Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, this subsidy has been extended from Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) crops to a total of 41

notified horticulture crops (TOTAL) for a period of six months, if prices fall below the average prices for last three years or 15% below of previous year's price. The scheme has been extended till 31st March, 2021.

Transportation subsidy @50% under the scheme was extended to Kisan Rail Scheme w.e.f. 12.10.2020 for all fruits and vegetables. Scheme Guidelines were further amended to provide transportation subsidy to all fruits and vegetables being transported by air from the NER and Himalayan Region States and to provide 50% subsidy to eligible entities through NAFED for transportation and/or storage of apple from Jammu and Kashmir.

Under long term integrated value chain development, Grant-in-aid is provided at the rate of 50% (70% in case of FPOs and SC/ST) of the eligible project cost, subject to maximum of Rs.50 Crore per project, for setting up of integrated value chain development projects for Tomato, Onion and Potato in identified clusters in major producing states.

(b): The details of the funds allocated and expenditure since 2018-2019 are as under:-

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	BE	RE	AE
2018-19	0.00	200.00	5.50
2019-20	200.00	32.48	2.84
2020-21	127.50	38.20	32.20 (as on 03.03.2021)

There is no state-wise allocation of fund under the scheme.

(c): Under long-term measures of Operation Greens scheme, there is provision for setting up of integrated value chain development projects for Tomato, Onion and Potato in identified clusters in major producing States. Tamil Nadu and Assam are not in the list of major producing States for Tomato, Onion and Potato.

However, under Operation Green TOP to TOTAL scheme, the production clusters for the different horticulture crops namely Bitter gourd, Brinjal, Carrot, Cauliflower, Cucumber, Okra, Papaya, Pineapple, Potato for Assam and Carrot, Passion Fruits, Amla, Banana, Beans, Guava, Mango, Papaya, Onion, Tomato for Tamil Nadu have been identified.

(d): Under long-term measures, Ministry had approved 6 integrated value chain projects with total project cost of Rs.363.30 Crore, including approved grant-in-aid of Rs.136.82 Crore, which are expected to create 46,950 MT of storage capacity; 3.36 Lakh MT/annum of processing facility; benefit about 35,000 number of farmers and generate about 18,000 number of direct and indirect employment.

(e) & (f): Hon'ble Finance Minister, in the budget speech for 2021-22, has announced that to boost value addition in agriculture and allied products and their exports, the scope of the Operation Greens Scheme, presently applicable to Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) will be enlarged to 22 perishable products.

The identified perishable products are as under:-

Fruits: Mango, Banana, Apple, Pineapple, Orange, Grapes, Aonla/Amla, Pomegranate, Guava, Litchi;

Vegetables: Peas, Carrot, Cauliflower, Beans, Bitter gourd, Okra, Garlic, Ginger;

Marine: Shrimp;
