

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
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OPERATION GREENS

1388. SHRI RAJEEV SATAV:

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

- (a) whether Government is implementing “Operation Greens” for the benefit of farmers and consumers in the country, if so, the details therefore;
- (b) whether Government has launched a new scheme under Operation Greens, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of fruits and vegetables which are eligible for subsidy under the new scheme;
- (d) the fund allocated for implementation of Operation Greens during the last year, and the current year; and
- (e) by when the above scheme/plan would be implemented in the country, State-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a): Yes Sir, 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 this scheme, 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 under price stabilization measures.

Further, Grant-in-aid is also 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 crores per project, for setting up of integrated value chain development projects in identified clusters in major producing states.

(b): Yes Sir, in pursuance of Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, subsidy at the rate of 50% for transportation and storage under price stabilization measures in eligible production is extended from 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 timelines of the scheme are further extended upto 31.03.2021.

Further, transportation subsidy under the scheme is extended to all fruits and vegetables through Kisan Rail Scheme (w.e.f 12.10.2020) provided by Indian Railways, by way of charging 50% of their freight charges.

Scheme also provides the transportation subsidy to the notified Fruits and Vegetables being transported by air from the NER and Himalayan Region States, by way of charging 50% freight by Airlines.

(c): The list of notified fruits and vegetables which are eligible for subsidy under new scheme - Operation Greens TOP to TOTAL is as under: -

Fruits- Mango, Banana, Guava, Kiwi, Litchi, Papaya, Mousambi, Orange, Kinnow, Lime, Lemon, Pineapple, Pomegranate, Jackfruit, Apple, Almond, Aonla, Passion fruit, Pear, Sweet Potato, Chikoo.

Vegetables: - French beans, Bitter Gourd, Brinjal, Capsicum, Carrot, Cauliflower, Chillies (Green), Okra, Cucumber, Peas, Garlic, Onion, Potato, Tomato, Large Cardamon, Pumpkin, Ginger, Cabbage, Squash and Turmeric (dry).

(d) & (e): The details of the funds allocated for implementation of scheme for the last year and current year are as under:-

(Rs. In Crore)		
Year	BE	RE
2019-20	200.00	32.48
2020-21	127.50	38.20

Operation Greens scheme was approved and implemented to provide Grant-in-aid for setting up of integrated value chain development projects in identified clusters of major producing states and to provide transportation/storage subsidy under price stabilization measures in all over India in November'2018.

Extended Operation Greens scheme-TOP to TOTAL under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan for transportation/storage subsidy in identified clusters through out India approved and implemented in June, 2020.
