

Minutes of the 20th Meeting of Mission Operation Greens held over Webex (online meeting portal) on 16.09.2020 at 12.00 pm

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary, FPI to discuss the proposal of NAFED regarding short-term price stabilization measures under Operation Greens scheme. Members of the Mission Operation Greens (MOG), PMAs (GT & NABCONS) attended the meeting. The list of participants of the meeting is at Annexure-I.

2. At the outset, Chairman welcomed the participants and intimated the purpose of the meeting.
3. Addl. Managing Director, NAFED made a brief presentation regarding reasons for poor response to Operation Greens scheme and suggested some amendments in the scheme guidelines of Operation Greens - TOP to TOTAL and the role of NAFED under the extended scheme.

Regarding Operation Greens scheme, he informed that the lack of credit support for procurement of the crops and/or loss reimbursement i.e., compensation for loss incurred in the transaction does not attract the State Agencies or NAFED to intervene at the time of glut.

For Operation Greens - TOP to TOTAL, he suggested following amendments in the scheme guidelines:-

- i. Reduction / removal of the quantity and the distance limit, in case of farmers;
- ii. Separate cost norms for transport and distance criteria for North-east and hilly States;
- iii. Separate Cost norms for Storage rate for CA stores should be notified;
- iv. The storage of horticulture produces beyond December may be considered for the produces harvested within December. The storage period of Potato, Apples etc. is generally of 5-6 months, therefore, the charges be accordingly calibrated;
- v. The mechanism of fixation of threshold price based on average of last 3 years or 15% lower to last year may be revisited. The State Governments may be authorized to fix the intervention price;
- vi. Cluster concept proposed to be removed as new areas have been reported under horticulture production, requiring support;

Regarding role of NAFED under TOP to TOTAL scheme, he suggested that through their branch offices, they will help farmers, farmer groups, FPOs etc. for submission of application for claim of subsidy on Ministry's online portal as per scheme guidelines. They will also examine and recommend the payment of subsidy to the Ministry. Copy of presentation is attached as Annexure-II.

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4. The Chairman requested NAFED to submit a detailed proposal along with justification, to the Ministry for examination and consideration.

Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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Annexure-I

List of the Members attended Mission Operation Greens Meeting held on 17.09.2020
under chairmanship of Additional Secretary, FPI

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