

Minutes of the 30th Meeting of Mission Operation Greens held over Webex (online meeting portal) on 20.07.2021

The meeting was held under the chairpersonship of Joint Secretary, FPI to consider the two agenda items namely (1) Determination of trigger prices for Potato for the F.Y. 2021-22 under Operation Greens TOP to TOTAL Scheme and (2) Request of PIA for extension of timelines for completion of the project in respect of M/s Khemanand Dudh and Krishi Producer Company Limited.

Members of the Mission Operation Greens (MOG) and PMA- GT 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. The agenda item wise recommendations of the Mission are as under:

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Agenda No. 1: Determination of Trigger Prices for Potato under OG-TOP to TOTAL Scheme for the F.Y. 2021-22- reg.

The proposal is to discuss the trigger prices of potato worked out for the F.Y. 2021-22. Representations were received from Horticulture Department, Madhya Pradesh regarding addition of Indore and Gujarat Cold Storage Association regarding addition of Banaskantha, Sabarkantha, Arravli, Vijaypur Dehgam & Kheda as production cluster for Potato and prescribe trigger prices for the same as the prices of potato are quite low and applicants are not able to submit claims for transportation and storage subsidy on Sampada portal. Division has also received similar requests from West Bengal over telephone.

2. It may be noted that as per Para 3 (C) of Scheme guidelines, the list of districts for each crop mentioned in Serial No. 7.5 of Horticulture Statistics at Glance 2018 published by Ministry of Agriculture will be taken as eligible production clusters subject to meeting the criterion of essential conditions and any other major production cluster can be added on the basis of recommendation by Ministry of Agriculture and State Government. The list of States and districts for Potato as mentioned in Serial No. 7.5 of Horticulture Statistics at Glance 2018 inter alia include West Bengal, Bihar, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Haryana, however, trigger prices for these states were not prescribed last year and therefore, these states are not mapped for potato on Sampada Portal. Therefore, applicants from these states are not able to submit claims on the Portal.

3. Sabarkantha, Vijaypur Dehgam and Kheda are not appearing as clusters as per Serial No. 7.5 of Horticulture Statistics at Glance 2018 [**Annexure-I of Agenda**], therefore, for Gujarat only Banaskantha and Arravali are being added. **The trigger prices for Potato for the F.Y. 2021-22 has been worked out** on the basis of price and arrival data provided by Directorate of Marketing & Inspection(DMI), Ministry of Agriculture for last three years i.e. 2018, 2019 & 2020 for all the States and Districts as per (i) Serial No. 7.5 of Horticulture Statistics at Glance 2018 and (ii) states and districts as per the list of trigger prices for last year, as detailed in **Annexure-II of Agenda**.

4. **Point-wise discussion and Mission's recommendations:** In the meeting, trigger prices worked out for Potato for the F.Y. 2021-22 were shown to respective states present and members of MOG.

- It was observed in the meeting that the trigger price worked out on the basis of DMI data for *Morena* in Madhya Pradesh which is Rs.5 is quite low and Officials from Horticulture Department of Madhya Pradesh were requested to provide the price data for last 3 years for *Morena* within 2 two days and division was also directed to recheck it.

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- In case of Gujarat, representatives from State requested to add other districts namely Sabarkantha, Kheda, Vijaypur Dehgam etc also in addition to Banaskantha and Arravali. Mission directed that State Horticulture Department to submit the request regarding addition of other districts along with Production and Price data for last 3 years for these districts within 2 two days.
- In case of Bihar, trigger prices could not be worked out due to unavailability of price data in the absence of APMCs, therefore, mission directed official from state horticulture department to provide the price data for last 3 years so that trigger prices can be worked out and districts can be mapped on Sampada Portal.
- In case of Uttar Pradesh, harvesting season is mentioned as April-May and Sep-Oct, however, representative from the state informed that main harvesting season for Potato in Uttar Pradesh is March to April and they will send a request for the change in the harvesting season.
- Mission directed the OG division to follow-up with the above states for the issues listed above so that trigger prices can be prescribed for potato as per the earliest.

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Agenda item no. 2: Agenda on request of PIA for extension of timeline upto March 2022 for the completion of the project in respect of M/s Khemanand Dudh and Krishi Producer Company Limited.

The proposal relates to soliciting consideration on request of the PIA for extension of timeline upto March 2022 for the completion of the Project of M/s Khemanand Dudh and Krishi Producer Company Limited.

2. The approval letter was issued to M/s Khemanand Dudh and Krishi Producer Company Limited on 08.01.2020 for setting up integrated value chain development project under Operation Greens Scheme.

Key Dates

S. No.	Particulars	Date	
1.	Date of Approval	08.01.2020	
2.	30 days documents	Complied	
3.	Total Project Cost	₹3132.55 Lakh	
4.	Approved Grant	₹1460.375 Lakh	
5.	Status of release of grant	1 st Tranche of 1 st Instalment	Not complied

3. IMAC in its meeting held on 18.12.2019 approved the project. Approval letter was issued to the PIA on 08.01.2020 subject to the condition that PIA will mobilize the entire equity contribution from the promoters & unsecured loan in Tier- II account before March'2020.

4. 24th MOG in its meeting held on 02.12.2020 directed the PIA to mobilize at least 50% of the proposed equity contribution by the promoters immediately and submit the detailed plan for remaining equity mobilization from each promoter and their source of funding for consideration of next meeting.

5. 29th MOG in its meeting held on 22.06.2021, recommended that the condition of bringing upfront equity 50% or 100% may be relaxed and grant will be released to the project as per the scheme guidelines, as is being done in other projects and its recommendation to be placed in IMAC for final decision.

6. PIA vide its letter dated 14.07.2021 has requested for extension of timeline upto March 2022 for the completion and Implementation of the Project. The PIA has stated the reasons that due to Covid 19 pandemic, construction activities has been hampered due

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to which project has been suffered badly at all the proposed sites and also difficult to procure materials on time, this has affected the project on a very large scale.

7. PIA has uploaded the documents for release of 1st tranche of 1st instalment of grant in aid. However, the same has been rejected by the PMA due to certain discrepancies in the documents (CA certificate - Annexure, Invoices, Bank statement etc. not submitted).

8. PMA Remarks:

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In view of the above, Ministry may accept the request of PIA for extension of timeline upto March 2022 for the completion and Implementation of the Project.

9. In view of above, request of the PIA for extension of timeline upto March 2022 for the completion of the project in respect of M/s Khemanand Dudh and Krishi Producer Company Limited is placed for consideration and suitable directions.

Mission's Recommendation: The request of the PIA along with physical progress of the project was examined in the meeting and the mission recommended the extension upto October, 2021 so that the progress of the project can be closely monitored and directed to place its recommendations before IMAC for decision.

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Annexure -I

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