

Record of Discussion – VC meeting with Registered Applicants from Northern India under extended Operation Greens Scheme – TOP to Total on 14.07.2020 at 11.30 AM under chairmanship of Additional Secretary, FPI

The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary, FPI to review the status of implementation of the scheme Operation Greens from TOP to TOTAL as a part of AatmNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.

2. At the outset, Chairman welcomed the participants and intimated the purpose of the meeting.

3. DD (SSA) made power-point presentation about the Scheme to the participants. Copy of PPT placed opposite. Regarding procedure for submission of claim for subsidy, it was informed that no prior approval is required from the Ministry. The eligible applicant has to first register themselves in the Ministry's portal under the scheme and thereafter have to satisfy themselves with regarding to meeting of essential criteria prescribed in the Guidelines. Thereafter, they can undertake procurement of eligible crops from notified clusters, if the prevailing price is less than the trigger price mentioned in the List of eligible crops, selected surplus production clusters and trigger price for intervention under the Scheme (available on our website under circular section).

3. After presentation, there was question/answer session. The following important questions were asked by the participants during the meeting.

- i. Whether Traders are allowed as an eligible applicant for claiming subsidy under the Scheme – It was clarified that Scheme Guidelines clearly provides the name of eligible entities, which does not include traders.
- ii. Whether Orange is eligible crops – It was clarified that Citrus is included in the list, which in turn includes inter alia orange, mousambi, kinnow, lemon etc. Information about their major production clusters and three year average price is being collected so as to include them in the list of eligible crops, production cluster and trigger price.
- iii. Regarding non-inclusion of some major production clusters in the list, such as Banaskantha (Gujarat) for Potato, Farrukhabad (UP) for Guava, it was informed that revised list is being finalised which includes these clusters, but the last three year average price is not available and concerned State Government have been requested to provide the requisite details.
- iv. Whether the applicant can undertake activities prior to registration, after the date of notification of the Scheme – It was clarified the Scheme Guidelines provide for registration first before undertaking any activities. However, their request has been noted and Ministry will consider the matter and clarify by way of amendment in Guidelines/circular, if any.
- v. Whether transports of Onion from Refer Van for export purpose are permissible under the Scheme – It was clarified that usually onion is transported in the normal trucks. However, if there is export requirement, then the matter will be taken up with the APEDA before arriving at any decision.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.
