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**Secretary**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Food Processing Industries

D.O. No. A-12012/1/2018-Admin (Part-1)

May 13, 2020

Dear Sir,

As per the instructions contained in Cabinet Secretary's ID.No. 601/2/1/2014 (Vol.III)-TS dated 28.04.2016, I am sending herewith a report of the initiatives taken by the Ministry during April, 2020 for your kind perusal.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

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Ministry of Food Processing Industries- Report for April, 2020

**1.0 Important policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month:**

**1.1 Systems set up for regular interaction with industry bodies during lockdown period**

- (i) **COVID 19 helpline** --- A helpline (Email ID) was created and circulated to the industry for reaching out to MoFPI in case they were facing any operational hurdle in maintaining a smooth supply chain for food. AS/JSs were assigned responsibility to take up the matter with various State Governments for redressal of grievances. In the month of April, the helpline received 318 number of grievances, all of which have been resolved/closed.
- (ii) **Task Force WhatsApp Group** - An MoFPI Industry Task Force WhatsApp group was formed to get regular feedback on issues faced by the food processing industry. On the basis of the feedback, The Ministry wrote to Empowered Committees and various Ministries viz. Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for resolving the issues.
- (iii) **Video Conference by Hon' ble Minister** -- Hon'ble Minister, FPI conducted three video conferencing on 4.4.2020, 8.4.2020 and 9.4.2020 with Industries, Industry Associations, Exporters of agri and marine products, APEDA and MPEDA to ascertain problems faced by food processing industry and redressal of their grievances due to lockdown. The Minister also wrote letters to PMO and Finance Ministry on the basis of issues raised in the Video conferences.
- (iv) **Regular inputs to Empowered Committee on Logistics and Supplies** - Ministry of FPI has been providing regular inputs to the Empowered Group (EG) on Logistics and Supplies on problems being faced by the food processing industry with regard to procurement of raw materials, especially perishables, difficulty in transportation, worker availability, working of mandis, passes, level of operations/capacity utilization of factories, etc. along with details of specific cases. EG was also given details of unresolved grievances of the industry to take it up with the states through Resident Commissioners. EG was also given inputs from time to time on amendments in the guidelines issued by MHA on operations of industry and logistics.
- (v) **Inputs to F&V Sub-committee of the EC** - Inputs relating to details of promoters, processing and preservation capacity in completed Mega Food Parks, Cold Chain Projects, Food Processing Units, etc. were put on the Help Desk portal developed by Empowered

Committee on Logistics and Supplies for dissemination of information to State Governments, traders, logistic operators, processors, etc .

**1.2 Expansion of Operation Greens cover other perishables:** The Ministry submitted a Concept Note to the PMO to extend short term price stabilization measures under the Operation Greens Scheme to all fruits and vegetables for the next 3 months due to Covid 19. This was based on the recommendations of Ministry of Agriculture .

**1.3 Major achievements during the month :**

**A. Contribution towards PM CARES Fund in the wake of COVID-19:**

a. Ministry is functioning as per the guidelines of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued from time to time w.r.t. Covid-19.

b. Ministry issued an advisory dated 7.4.2020 to Officers/Staff of this Ministry and its autonomous bodies (NIFTEM and IIPT) with appeal to voluntarily contribute their one day's salary for the month of April 2020 to PM CARES Fund to support Government's fight against corona virus. The same was deducted and deposited to in PM CARES Fund.

**B. Mega Food Park:**

a. A Video Conference (VC) chaired by Hon'ble Minister, FPI was held on 17.04.2020 with the promoters of operational Mega Food Parks to review the situation due to COVID-19.

**C. Scheme for Agro-Processing Clusters (APC) :**

a. A Technical Committee meeting was held on 24.04.2020 through Video Conferencing (VC) for considering new proposals received in the month of March, 2020 and 3 proposals deferred by Technical Committee (TC) in its meeting held on 18.03.2020. A total of proposals were considered by TC for recommendation to IMAC.

b. Ministry has issued approval letter to 11 Agro-processing Clusters in various States of the country which can leverage Rs. 341.82 crore of investment and grant-in-aid of Rs. 74.30 crore. Cumulative investment leveraged under the Scheme till date is Rs. 1120.50 crore.

**D. Creation/Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation Capacities (Unit Scheme) :**

a. A Technical Committee meeting was held on 23.04.2020 through Video Conferencing (VC) for considering the proposals received in the month of March 2020. A total of 22 proposals were considered by TC for recommendation to IMAC.

b. Ministry has extended date of Expression of Interest (EOI) up to 31.05.2020 for inviting online proposals under the scheme.

**E. Operation Greens:**

- a. A Video Conferencing (VC) meeting was held on 17.04.2020 under chairpersonship of Secretary, FPI to review the price of TOP crops with promoters of projects sanctioned under Operation Greens Scheme, NAFED, Agriwatch and officers of Horticulture department of various States. State Governments were instructed to submit proposal for assistance under short term stabilization measures.
- b. 14<sup>th</sup> Mission meeting was held over VC portal on 24.04.2020 under chairpersonship of Joint Secretary, FPI to scrutinize two proposals received till 31.03.2020 and submit its recommendations to the IMAC.
- c. A proposal was received on 28.04.2020 from State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh for short term intervention for Tomato crop under Operation Greens Scheme. The proposal is under consideration.

**F. IIFPT:**

- a. Faculties are handling regular classes for undergraduate and postgraduate students through online platforms.
- b. IIFPT has extended its automatic RNA extraction unit facility to Thanjavur Medical College for rapid diagnosis of Covid-19. The unit can analyze 100 samples in 2 hrs. IIFPT's technical team supports the testing on a regular basis.
- c. IIFPT delivered bread loaves, cookies and enriched millets pops to Covid-19 patients and those who were just discharged. All products were prepared at IIFPT's incubation center.
- d. IIFPT provided hand sanitizer, nutri-cookies and millets pops to the Covid-19 team of the Police Department, Thanjavur.
- e. Director, IIFPT delivered a talk on "Future Foods: Opportunities in Food Sector" on 15.04.2020 during the online event organized by Laghu Udyog Bharati, Karnataka. Around 100 industrialists attended the event.

**G. NIFTEM:**

- a. Online classes are going on for undergraduates and post-graduate students.

1.4 **Foreign visit of Hon' ble Minister, FPI and foreign delegation to MoFPI: Nil**

2.0 **Important policy matter held up on account of prolonged Inter - Ministerial Consultations: Nil**

**3.0 Compliance of CoS decision :**

No. of CoS decisions pending for compliance	Proposed action plan/time lines for compliance of CoS decisions	Remarks
Nil	Nil	Nil

**4.0 No. of cases of sanction for prosecution pending for more than 3 months: Nil****5.0 Particulars of cases in which there has been a departure from the Transaction of Business Rules or established policy of the Government: Nil****6.0 Status of Implementation of e-Governance:**

Total no. of files	Total no. of e-files
8377	7525 (89.82%)

**7.0 Status of Public Grievances :**

No. of public grievances redressed during the month	No. of public grievances pending at the end of the month
72	5

**8.0 Information on the specific steps taken by the Ministry/Department for utilization of the Space technology-based tools and applications in Governance and Development: Nil**

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