

**Record of Discussion – VC meeting with members of Onion Grower Farmers/  
FPOs/ FPCs and Registered Applicants from Maharashtra under extended  
Operation Greens Scheme – TOP to Total on 24.07.2020 at 03.00 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) informed about the Scheme to the participants. 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). He also informed about recent amendment in the scheme guidelines, uploaded in Ministry's website today:

- **Add new category group of farmers** – Now, few farmers come together and after registration, can submit the online application for subsidy claim. It was clarified the subsidy will be released in the bank account of the lead farmer;
- For **individual farmers**, the minimum quantity for transportation/storage has been reduced from 100 MT to 50 MT;
- For the purpose of calculation of the quantity, a **combination of eligible fruits & vegetables** will also be considered, subject to fulfilling of the price criteria for each such crop.
- In case of export, transportation charges will be payable only up to Indian borders.

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

- i. For exporter, the required supporting documents should be minimised, particularly requirement of Weighbridge receipt and Geotagged photo at destination place should be removed. They were advised to make written submission providing complete process flow of the transaction with proper justification in this regard for consideration of Ministry.
- ii. Requested to allow submission of claims from the date of notification of scheme i.e., 11/06/2020, and not from date of registration as the

information regarding scheme was not adequately disseminated to the different stakeholders. It was clarified that the scheme require prior registration on the portal, but the applicant can submit the claim through online application even for transaction before the date of registration. However, ministry will take the decision in the matter and will clarify shortly.

- iii. Regarding prevalence of practice of FASTag at toll plazas, it was clarified that applicant can submit the FASTag account statement in place of toll tax receipts
- iv. Regarding transportation by individual farmers from their farm gate to the Mandies in the production clusters, which meets the minimum distance of 100 KM requirement, it was clarified that scheme envisage the transfer from the production region to the consumption centres. However, given the peculiar requirement of farmers, Ministry will look into this aspect and clarify shortly.
- v. It was asked how to apply for subsidy where single railway receipt is being issued against transport of crops by few farmers together. They were advised to make written submission providing complete process flow of the transaction for consideration of Ministry.
- vi. Regarding last date of submission of application, it was clarified that the scheme is applicable for the period of six months i.e., till 10/11/2020. Accordingly, registration and application can be submitted. It was clarified that 31/07/2020 is the last date of submission of the proposal for integrated value chain development project for TOP crops.
- vii. It was clarified that Pre-cooling and Ripening of fruits & vegetables is not eligible for subsidy under the scheme.
- viii. It was clarified that Cost Norms for storage prescribes rate for seasons, i.e., three months. For storage period less than 3 months, the proportionate cost norms will be applied.
- ix. Regarding request for addition of new clusters, e.g., Sholapur for Banana, it was informed that State Government recommendation along with requisite details of production and average price during peak harvesting period is required for last three years.
- x. Regarding transfer from farm gate to pack house (nearby within cluster and also far way outside cluster) and then transport from pack house to the major consumption centre, it was clarified that scheme envisage the transfer from production region to far away consumption centre. However, the Ministry will look into this aspect and clarify shortly.

- xi. It was requested to provide for making Geotag document uploading in online application form in both jpg and pdf format.

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

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