

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1062**  
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**OPERATION GREENS SCHEME**

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Will the Minister of **FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Operation Greens Scheme, along with objective and duration of the Scheme;
- (b) the eligible entities under the scheme and the pattern of assistance mooted under the Scheme;
- (c) the major fruits and vegetables that are covered, and the maximum amount of subsidy;
- (d) the details of budget allocation and expenditure incurred till date during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (e) the details of Trigger Price for intervention under the scheme?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

**(a):** The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been implementing a Central Sector Scheme- “Operation Greens” under Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana since November, 2018. The major objectives of “Operation Greens Scheme” are:

- Enhancing Value Realization for farmers
- Protect the growers of eligible crops from making distress sale
- Reduction in Post-Harvest Losses
- Increase in Food Processing/Preservation Capacities and Value Addition

The scheme has two components namely Long Term Interventions and Short Term Interventions. It is co-terminus with 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission Cycle i.e. from FY 2021-22 to 2025 -26.

**(b) & (c):** Eligible entities under Long Term Interventions component of the Scheme are State Agriculture Federations, State Marketing Federations, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO), cooperatives, Self-help groups (SHGs), companies, food processors, logistic operators, service providers, supply chain operators, retail chains, wholesale chains, Central Government (including entities/ organizations under the Central Government) and State Governments (including entities/ organizations under the State Government).

Eligible entities under Short Term Interventions component of the Scheme are individual farmers, Group of Farmers, FPOs, Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs), Co-operative Societies, State Marketing/ Co-operative Federations, Food Processors, Licensed Commission Agents, Exporters and Retailers.

Under Long Term Interventions component of the Scheme, Ministry provides financial assistance @35% of eligible project cost for projects in General Areas and @50% of eligible project cost for projects in Difficult

Areas as well as for projects of SC/ST, FPOs and SHGs with maximum grants-in-aid of ₹15 crore per project under Integrated Value Chain Development Projects and that of ₹10 crore per project under Standalone Post Harvest Infrastructure Projects.

Under Short Term Interventions component of the Scheme, Ministry provides transportation/ storage subsidy @50% of eligible cost. Storage subsidy is payable for a maximum period of 3 months. Maximum admissible subsidy per eligible entity is ₹1 (one) crore during the entire duration of the scheme since inception.

Following 22 crops are eligible under Long Term Interventions component of the Scheme:

- Fruits (10): Mango, Banana, Apple, Pineapple, Orange, Grapes, Aonla/Amla, Pomegranate, Guava, Litchi
- Vegetables (11): Tomato, Onion, Potato, Green Peas, Carrot, Cauliflower, Beans, Gourd Family {Bottle Gourd (Loki), Bitter Gourd (Karela), Ridge/Sponge Gourd (Torai) Pointed Gourd (Parval) and Ash Gourd (Petha)}, Okra, Garlic and Ginger
- Marine (1): Shrimp

Following 42 crops are eligible under Short Term Interventions component of the Scheme:

- Fruits (22): Mango, Banana, Guava, Kiwi, Litchi, Papaya, Mousambi, Orange, Kinnow, Lime, Lemon, Pineapple, Pomegranate, Jackfruit, Apple, Almond, Aonla, Passion Fruit, Pear, Sweet Potato, Chikoo and Tender & De-husked Coconut
- Vegetables (20): French Beans, Bitter Gourd, Brinjal, Capsicum, Carrot, Cauliflower, Chillies (Green), Okra, Cucumber, Peas, Garlic, Onion, Potato, Tomato, Large Cardamom, Pumpkin, Ginger, Cabbage, Squash and Turmeric

(d) the details of year-wise budget allocation and expenditure under the scheme, during the last three years, are as follows:

(₹ in crore)

Year	Budget Estimate	Revised Estimate	Expenditure
2020-21	127.50	38.22	38.21
2021-22	73.40	74.50	68.15
2022-23	184.56	74.49	71.05
2023-24 (as on 24.07.2023)	213.59	-	12.05

(e) The subsidy under short term interventions is disbursed only if price of the relevant crop notified by the Ministry in the Eligible Production Clusters falls below the trigger price of the respective crop. Trigger price is worked out on the basis of higher of (a) preceding 3 years' average market price during harvest season and (b) price falls more than 15% of last year's market price during harvest season.

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