

Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Department of Consumer Affairs

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4645
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.2023

OPERATION GREEN

4645. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH SOLANKY:
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:
SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:
DR. RAMAPATI RAM TRIPATHI:
SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH:
SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:

Will the Minister of **CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**
उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण राज्य मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the key aim, objectives and features of the Price Stabilization Fund and Operation Green;
- (b) the State-wise details of interest free loans provided to State Governments/Union Territories and Central Agencies under the Price Stabilization Fund in the last five years, particularly in the State of Madhya Pradesh; and
- (c) whether the Government plans to expand Operation Green beyond Tomato Onion Potato (TOP) to 22 perishable commodities and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण राज्य मंत्री
(श्री अश्विनी कुमार चौबे)

THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) : Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) has been set up to stabilise the volatility in the prices of certain agri-horticultural commodities, namely, onion, potatoes and thereby mitigate hardships faced by consumers. The scheme provides working capital and other incidental expenses for procurement and distribution of the perishable agri-horticultural commodities. The objectives of PSF are (i) to promote direct purchase from farmers/farmers' associations at farm gate/ mandi; (ii) to maintain a strategic buffer stock to discourage hoarding and unscrupulous speculation; and (iii) to protect consumers by supplying such commodities at reasonable prices through calibrated release of stock.

Operation Greens is one of the sub-schemes under the umbrella Scheme of Pradhan Mantri KisanSampada Yojana (PMKSY) being implemented the Ministry of Food Processing Industries. The objectives are (i) enhancing value realization of produce for farmers; (ii) Protect the growers of eligible crops from making distress sale (iii) Increase in Food Processing/Preservation Capacities and Value Addition; and (iv) Reduction in post-harvest losses. The scheme has both short term interventions component and long term interventions component. The short term interventions include transportation and storage subsidy is provided to eligible Individual farmers, Group of Farmers, FPOs, FPCs, Co-operative Societies, State Marketing/ Co-operative Federation, Food Processors, Licensed Commission Agent, Exporters and Retailers etc. Under the long term interventions, grants-in-aid are being provided for Integrated Value Chain Development Projects and Standalone Post-Harvest Infrastructure Projects.

(b) : The State-wise and Central Agency-wise release of funds as interest free advance under PSF in last five years is given at **Annexure**.

(c) : The Operation Greens scheme already covers 42 perishable crops, namely 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, 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

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4645 FOR 29.03.2023 REGARDING OPERATION GREEN.

(a) State-wise, Year-wise Release of Interest Free Advance under Price Stabilisation Fund in last five year

(Rs.in Crore)

State	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23*
Andhra Pradesh	25.00	-	-	-	-	-
Odisha	-	25.00	-	-	-	-
Assam	-	-	75.00	-	-	-
Tamil Nadu	-	-	2.50	-	-	-

* Upto 23.03.2023

(b) Agency-wise, Year-wise Release of Interest Free Advance under Price Stabilisation Fund in last five year

(Rs. in Crore)

Central Nodal Agency	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23*
NAFED	3,138.00	3,928.07	3,279.44	9,226.29	10,331.69	4,139.54
FCI	510.23	-	151.27	56.78	-	-
NCCF	-	-	-	-	-	391.48
MMTC	-	-	220.50	-	-	-

* Upto 23.03.2023
