GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3669

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OPERATION GREENS SCHEME

3669. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU: SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

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

- (a) the details of Operation Greens Scheme which is aimed towards value addition of Agro-Products;
- (b) the funds allocated and released, State/UT-wise since inception of the scheme;
- (c) whether the scheme has led to strengthening production clusters and farmer producer organisations as intended;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has included shrimp component in the Operation Greens Scheme and if so, details thereof;
- (f) the details of the infrastructure proposed to be created under Operation Greens for shrimp in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (g) the details of the investment proposed for shrimp component in Operation Greens Scheme in Andhra Pradesh?

ANSWER

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

(a): Ministry launched Operation Greens scheme in November, 2018 for integrated development of Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) value chain with the objectives to enhance value realization of TOP farmers; reduction in post-harvest losses; price stabilization for producer and consumers and increase in food processing capacities and value addition etc.

The scheme provides for short term intervention by way of providing transportation and storage subsidy @ 50% and long term intervention through value addition projects in identified production clusters with Grant-in-aid @ 35% to 70% of eligible project cost subject to maximum of Rs. 50 crore per project.

(b): Under the scheme, state-wise funds are not allocated as the scheme is demand driven and projects are approved as per scheme guidelines on the basis of applications received for setting up of projects in eligible production clusters. The details of the funds allocated and released under the scheme since inception is given in the table below.

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	BE	RE	AE
2018-19	0.00	200.00	5.50
2019-20	200.00	32.48	2.84
2020-21	127.50	38.22	38.21
2021-22	73.40	-	15.84 [till 05.08.2021]

- (c) & (d): The scheme aims to promote Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs #), agri-logistics, processing facilities and value addition etc. in identified production clusters and accordingly 6 projects worth project cost of ₹363.30 Crore, with grant-in-aid of ₹136.82 Cr, targeting 31 FPOs in 6 production clusters are approved so far one each for tomato, onion and potato in Gujarat (3), two for onion in Maharashtra (2) and one for tomato in Andhra Pradesh.
- (e): As per budget Announcement 2021-22, expanded operation greens scheme covers 22 perishables including shrimp.
- (f) & (g): The crop-wise/state-wise specific funds are not earmarked under the scheme as the scheme is demand driven and projects are sanctioned in the identified production clusters on the basis of the applications received from investors against Expression of Interest (EOI) issued from time to time.
