

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2108**  
ANSWERED ON 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2022

OPERATION GREENS

**2108. SHRIMATI GODDETI MADHAVI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has been able to curtail distress sales by farmers via Operation Greens, if so, the details thereof for the years 2019-2021 and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (b) the details of the total number of large-scale warehousing centers and on-farm/village level storage facilities set up during the year 2021-22 under Operation Greens, State-wise?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): The Ministry is implementing scheme of Operation Greens since November, 2018. Under short term intervention of the scheme, transportation /storage subsidy @50% for notified fruits & vegetables (including Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) crops) is provided at the time of glut situation during harvest season to prevent the distress sales by farmers. The scope of coverage was extended to all notified fruits & vegetables in May 2020.

Ministry has developed online Sampada portal for submission of direct applications by eligible entities including farmers for claiming transportation and storage subsidy. Further, subsidy @ 50% is also provided through Kisan Rail for transportation of any fruits & vegetables all over India. Indian Railways has provided total subsidy of Rs.121.01 crore for transportation of 5.98 Lakh MT of fruits and vegetables all over India through Kisan Rail since beginning i.e. 14.10.2020 till 31.12.2021.

During the years 2019-2021, the Ministry has disbursed total subsidy of Rs.82.66 crore which include subsidy through Kisan Rail of Rs.73.33 crore; subsidy through direct claims of Rs.2.33 crore for transportation/storage of 18,386 MT of fruits & vegetables and Rs.7 crore as advance to NAFED for providing transportation and storage subsidy for apple in Jammu & Kashmir.

(b): Under the scheme, six (6) value chain development projects have been sanctioned with total project cost of Rs.363.30 crore & Grant-in-aid of Rs.136.82 crore with 40 numbers of storage facilities having 46,380 MT capacity in three States namely Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra.

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