

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1629
ANSWERED ON 01ST AUGUST, 2024

OPERATION GREENS

**1629. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:
SHRI PUTTA MAHESH KUMAR:**

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

- (a) the details of the total number of farmers benefited under Operation Greens during the last five years, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the details of the Tomato, Onion and Potatoes (TOPs) centric projects/initiatives undertaken during the last five years and its impact on the prices of the same, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the details of the steps taken to regulate pricing of the TOPs and 22 other perishable crops as identified under the scheme during the last five years, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) the details of the total funds allocated and utilized for the purposes of implementing Operation Greens, especially the long and short term components as specified under the scheme during the last five years, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh?

ANSWER

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

(a) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been implementing a Central Sector Scheme- “Operation Greens” (OG) under Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana since 2018-19, with the objective of enhancing the value realisation of farmers and minimizing post-harvest losses. Operation Greens scheme has two components:

1. Long Term Intervention
2. Short Term Intervention

Under Long Term Intervention of the scheme, 52 projects have been approved across the country for eligible crops, including Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) in identified production clusters and 3,38,074 farmers are expected to be benefitted on completion of these projects. The state wise number of farmers expected to be benefitted after completion of these projects including in the state of Andhra Pradesh are at **Annexure 1**.

Under Short Term Intervention of the Scheme, ₹119.04 crore has been disbursed to 866 entities as subsidy for storage and transportation, benefiting 31364 farmers. The state wise, number of farmers benefitted under Short Term Intervention including in the state of Andhra Pradesh are at **Annexure 2**.

(b) & (c) Operation Greens Scheme has been expanded from three crops namely Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) to 22 perishable crops under Long Term Intervention. Long Term Intervention component of the scheme is for creation of food processing infrastructure facility for the identified crops. Out of 52 projects approved under Long Term Intervention, 15 projects approved for TOP (Tomato, Onion and Potato) crops. Crop-wise-State-wise, including Andhra Pradesh, details of projects approved under Operation Greens Scheme-Long Term Intervention are at **Annexure 3**.

In order to protect consumers from excessive price volatility in agri cultural commodities, the Government introduced the Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF) scheme in 2014-15. PSF scheme implemented by Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution. Under PSF, buffer stock of major pulses and onion have been maintained for market interventions and also to discourage hoarding and unscrupulous speculation. Since 2014-15, a total budgetary support of ₹27,489.14 crore has been provided for Price Stabilisation Fund to control the rise in prices of essential commodities.

In order to check the volatility in prices of onion, the Government maintains onion buffer under the PSF by procuring onion from farmers/FPOs/FPCs for subsequent release in the market during the lean months of market arrival. The buffer size has been increased year after year from 1.00 LMT in 2020-21 to 2.50 LMT in 2022-23 and further to 5.00 LMT in 2024-25. The onions from the buffer are released through retail sales, e-Nam auction and bulk sales in wholesale markets.

(d) Under the Operation Greens scheme, State-wise fund is not allocated. The details of fund allocation and fund utilization under the scheme for Long Term Intervention and Short Term Intervention components in the last five years are at **Annexure 4**.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1629 FOR REPLY ON 01.08.2024 REGARDING OPERATION GREENS ASKED BY SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY & SHRI PUTTA MAHESH KUMAR.

<u>State-wise details of projects approved under Operation Greens Scheme-Long Term Intervention</u>					
Sl. No.	State	Ongoing	Completed	Total	No. of Farmers to be benefitted
1	Andhra Pradesh	16	0	16	77140
2	Assam	1	0	1	1800
3	Gujarat	6	2	8	68234
4	Himachal Pradesh	3	0	3	10600
5	Karnataka	1	0	1	2000
6	Madhya Pradesh	2	0	2	3500
7	Maharashtra	10	0	10	155800
8	Punjab	1	0	1	650
9	Rajasthan	1	0	1	1000
10	Tamil Nadu	4	0	4	2100
11	Uttar Pradesh	5	0	5	15250
Grand Total		50	2	52	338074

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<u>State-wise details of Operation Greens Scheme-Short Term Intervention</u>		
Sl. No	State	Farmers Benefitted
1	Assam	1
2	Gujarat	25799
3	Madhya Pradesh	45
4	Maharashtra	4672
5	Punjab	491
6	Uttar Pradesh	356
Total		31364

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1629 FOR REPLY ON 01.08.2024 REGARDING OPERATION GREENS ASKED BY SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY & SHRI PUTTA MAHESH KUMAR.

Crop-wise State-wise details of projects approved under Operation Greens Scheme-Long Term Intervention				
Sl.No.	Crop	Ongoing	Completed	Total
1.	Amla			
	Tamil Nadu	1	0	1
2.	Apple			
	Himachal Pradesh	3	0	3
3.	Banana			
	Gujarat	1	0	1
	Maharashtra	1	0	1
	Tamil Nadu	3	0	3
Sub Total		5	0	5
4.	Garlic			
	Rajasthan	1	0	1
5.	Gauva			
	Madhya Pradesh	1	0	1
6.	Mandarin Orange			
	Maharashtra	1	0	1
7.	Mango			
	Andhra Pradesh	3	0	3
	Maharashtra	2	0	2
Sub Total		5	0	5
8.	Onion			
	Gujarat	3	0	3
	Maharashtra	3	0	3
Sub Total		6	0	6
9.	Potato			
	Gujarat	2	1	3
	Uttar Pradesh	3	0	3
Sub Total		5	1	6
10.	Tomato			
	Andhra Pradesh	1	0	1
	Gujarat	0	1	1
	Karnataka	1	0	1
Sub Total		2	1	3
11.	Mixed			
	Assam	1	0	1
	Madhya Pradesh	1	0	1
	Maharashtra	3	0	3
	Punjab	1	0	1
	Uttar Pradesh	2	0	2
Sub Total		8	0	8
12.	Shrimp			
	Andhra Pradesh	12	0	12
Grand Total		50	2	52

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1629 FOR REPLY ON 01.08.2024 REGARDING OPERATION GREENS ASKED BY SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY & SHRI PUTTA MAHESH KUMAR.

₹ in crore		
Financial Year	Fund Allocated	Fund Utilized
2019-20	30.03	2.85
2020-21	38.22	38.21
2021-22	74.50	68.15
2022-23	74.49	71.05
2023-24	160.36	156.21
2024-25 (As on 15.07.2024)	173.40 (BE)	31.45
Total	551.00	367.92
