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No.C.285/Parcels/New Initiatives/Kisan Rail

Dt.:15-10-2020

Sr.DCMs/SC, BZA, GTL, HYB, NED & GNT

**Sub: Grant of 50% Subsidy to Kisan Rail trains, under 'Operations Greens – TOP to Total' by Ministry of Food Processing Industries.**

**Ref: Railway Board's letter No.C.285/Parcels/New Initiatives/ATP-ANDI Kisan Rail dated 23.09.2020.**

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Please find enclosed copy of Railway Board's letter cited above regarding extension of 50% subsidy by Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) on transportation of notified fruits and vegetables through Kisan Rail Trains, under 'Operation Greens – TOP to Total'.

MoFPI will initially provide Rs10.00 crores to operate the scheme, which will be deposited with South Central Railway. Once this corpus has been utilized, Indian Railways will provide a Utilization Certificate to MoFPI, and MoFPI will provide additional funds to Railways.

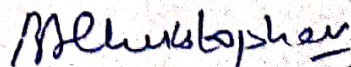
In this regard, Railway Board advised to extend a subsidy of 50% on transportation of notified fruits and vegetables through Kisan Rail trains – with immediate effect. Full details of the subsidy granted (including consignor, consignee, train number, P-way Bill number, and amount) shall be maintained by the Railways – so that proper and timely accountal maybe ensured. Chief Parcel Supervisor of the loading station will be responsible for ensuring that only the notified commodities are extended the benefits of this scheme.

The list of notified fruits and vegetables as per MoFPI's guidelines as a part of Aatmnirbhar Bharat Abhiyan as on 12.10.2020 is enclosed for information. The list of eligible production clusters i.e., the list of districts for each crop are mentioned in Serial No.7.5 of Horticulture statistics at Glance 2018 published by Ministry of Agriculture (available at the website – [agricoop.nic.in](http://agricoop.nic.in)).

Further modalities for accountal etc. will be communicated shortly.

In view of the above, it is advised to extend subsidy of 50% on freight for transportation of notified fruits and vegetables through Kisan Rail trains with immediate effect under advice to this office.

Encl: As above

  
(Dr B S Christopher) 15/10/2020  
Chief Commercial Manager (FS)

भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
रेल मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(रेलवे बोर्ड RAILWAY BOARD)

No. 2020/TC(FM)/11/04-Pt.(3)

New Delhi, dated 13.10.2020

Principal Chief Commercial Manager,  
All Zonal Railways.

**Sub: Grant of 50% Subsidy to Kisan Rail trains, under 'Operation Greens - TOP to Total' by Ministry of Food Processing Industries.**

**Ref: PCCM/SCR's letter No.C.285/Parcels/New Initiatives/ATP-ANDI Kisan Rail dated 23.09.2020.**

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Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has agreed to extend a subsidy of 50% on transportation of notified fruits and vegetables through Kisan Rail trains, under '**Operation Greens - TOP to Total**.' MoFPI will initially provide ₹10.00 crores to operate the scheme, which will be deposited with South Central Railway. Once this corpus has been utilized, Indian Railways will provide a Utilization Certificate to MoFPI, and MoFPI will provide additional funds to Railways.

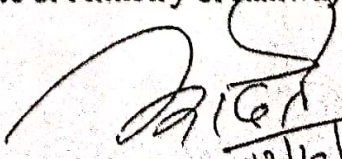
Zonal Railways are, therefore, requested to extend a subsidy of 50% on transportation of notified fruits and vegetables through Kisan Rail trains - with immediate effect. Full details of the subsidy granted (including consignor, consignee, train number, P-way Bill number, and amount) shall be maintained by the Railways - so that proper and timely accountal may be ensured. **Chief Parcel Supervisor of the loading station will be responsible for ensuring that only the notified commodities are extended the benefits of this scheme.**

Further modalities for accountal, etc are being finalized and will be communicated shortly. Guidelines issued by MoFPI regarding 'Operation Greens - TOP to Total' are enclosed herewith for reference. Further details regarding 'Operation Greens - TOP to Total' may be obtained from the website:

<https://mofpi.nic.in/Aatmanirbhar-Bharat/Operation-Greens-%28TOP-to-Total%29/about-og-total>.

This is issued in consultation of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.

DA: As above

  
13/10/2020  
(Mudit Chandra)  
Director Freight Marketing  
Railway Board

Guidelines for short term intervention for eligible fruits and vegetables under Operation Greens as a part of Aatmnirbhar Bharat Abhiyan as on 12.10.2020

Ministry is implementing a central sector scheme, namely "Operation Greens" - A scheme for integrated development of Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) value chain with a budgetary allocation of Rs. 500 crores. The scheme has two-pronged strategy of Price stabilisation measures (for short term) and Integrated value chain development projects (for long term).

2. Due to restriction imposed on account of COVID-19, the supply chain has been disrupted and farmers are not able to sell their produce in the market. Hon'ble Finance Minister has announced on 15.05.2020 in the third tranche of measures for revival of the economy affected severely due to COVID-19 pandemic as part of Aatmnirbhar Bharat Package Announcements:

- i. Operation Greens will be extended from Tomatoes, Onion and Potatoes (TOP) to ALL fruits and vegetables (TOTAL);
- ii. Scheme features - 50% subsidy on transportation from surplus production to deficient markets and 50% subsidy on storage, including cold storages;
- iii. Pilot for 6 months - will be expanded and extended;

3. After Inter-Ministerial Consultation, the Scheme was approved by Hon'ble Minister, FPI on 10.06.2020. Accordingly, a set of guidelines has been envisaged for quick implementation of the scheme and to encourage evacuation of surplus production of fruits and vegetables from the production area to consumption centres for the six months to moderate and check gluts and shortage. The salient features of the guidelines are as below:

- a. **Objective:** -The objective of intervention is to protect the growers of fruits and vegetables from making distress sale and reduce the post-harvest losses.
- b. **Eligible Crops:** - Following fruits & vegetables, on the basis of recommendation received from the Ministry of Agriculture will be eligible under the Scheme:-

**Fruits-** Mango, Banana, Guava, Kiwi, Litchi, Papaya, Mousambi, Orange, Kinnow, Lime, Lemon, Pineapple, Pomegranate, Jackfruit, Apple, Almond, Aonla, Passion fruit, and Pear

**Vegetables:** - French beans, Bitter Gourd, Brinjal, Capsicum, Carrot, Cauliflower, Chillies (Green), Okra, Cucumber, Peas, Garlic, Onion, Potato and Tomato

Any other fruit/vegetable can be added in future on the basis of recommendation by Ministry of Agriculture or State Government

- c. **Eligible Production Cluster:** - The list of districts for each crop mentioned in Serial No. 7.5 of Horticulture Statistics at Glance 2018 published by Ministry of Agriculture (available at the website [agricoop.nic.in](http://agricoop.nic.in)) will be taken as eligible production clusters subject to meeting the criterion of essential conditions. Any other major production cluster can be added in future on the basis of recommendation by Ministry of Agriculture or State Government.
- d. **Duration of Scheme:** - for the period of six months from the date of notification.
- e. **Eligible entities:** - Food Processors, FPO/FPC, Co-operative Societies, Individual farmers, Group of Farmers, Licensed Commission Agent, Exporters, State Marketing/Co-operative Federation, Retailers etc. engaged in processing/marketing of fruits and vegetables.
- f. **Pattern of Assistance:** - Ministry will provide subsidy @ 50 % of the cost of the following two components, subject to the cost norms:
- i. Transportation of eligible crops from surplus production cluster to consumption center; and/or
  - ii. Hiring of appropriate storage facilities for eligible crops (*for maximum period of 3 months*);
- Any incidental expenses or taxes, such as GST and other taxes levied at State/Central level will not be considered for the purpose of subsidy.
- g. **Essential conditions:** The subsidy will be disbursed to the eligible entities, in case of fulfilment of the following conditions: -
- i. Price in the notified production clusters meet any one of the following conditions:
    - a. Price fall below preceding 3 years' average market price at the time of harvest;

misrepresentation/misdeclaration, falsification and fabrication of documents or other willful default would be dealt as per penal provisions of the relevant Criminal and Civil Law(s).

- o. Central Government Agencies (e.g., NAFED, CONCOR etc.) and State Level Agencies (e.g., State Agri Industries Corporation, Agri Marketing Federation etc.) will be involved in implementation of the Scheme.
- p. **Service Charges:** - Service Charges at the rate of 2.5% of the subsidy amount may be utilized by the Ministry for administrative purpose.
- q. **Cost Norms for subsidy on Transportation and Storage:** - The following cost norms shall be applied while calculating eligible transportation and storage cost for calculation of subsidy admissible under the scheme.

#### Transport Charge

- i. Normal Truck Rate:- ₹ 2.84 per MT per Km
  - ii. Reefer Van Rate: - ₹ 5 per MT per Km
- In case of transportation by Railway and Air, the actual freight amount charged by the Indian Railway and Air India will be considered as eligible cost.

#### Storage Charge

- i. Warehouse Rate:- ₹ 345 per MT per season
- ii. Cold Storage Rate:- ₹ 2,000 per MT per season

Maximum period of three months will be considered for subsidy towards hiring of appropriate storage facilities for eligible crops;

4. In addition to direct submission of claims by the eligible entities on the portal to the MoFPI, the subsidy under the scheme will also be available under Kisan Rail Scheme. Indian Railways is nominated as implementing agency for Kisan Rail Scheme, as part of Operation Greens - TOP to Total. MoFPI will deposit funds with Commercial accounts of Indian Railways to operate the Scheme. Once a corpus is utilized, Indian railways will provide Utilization Certificate (UC) to MoFPI and MoFPI will provide additional funds.

Indian Railway will provide the transport subsidy directly to any applicants by way of charging 50% of their freight charges from applicants for transportation of any quantity of notified fruit and vegetables through Kisan Rail Scheme and will adjust remaining 50% of freight from deposit made by MoFPI with them.

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In relaxation of other conditions for TOP to TOTAL Scheme, for transportation through Kisan Rail scheme, all consignments of notified fruits & vegetables would be eligible for 50% freight subsidy.

Indian Railways will work out the modalities to implement the scheme in consultation with the MoFPI.

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