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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS' EMPOWERMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 28th December 2022

No. 27675—PT1-DHO-SECIII-MISC-0006/2022-A. & F.E.—The State Cabinet in their 53rd meeting held on the 27th December 2022 have approved the proposal for provision of funds for “Development of Potato, Vegetable and Spices” scheme.

Introduction :—

Odisha, despite being a surplus vegetable producing State, is still handicapped with production of tuber crops like potato and bulb crops like onion and garlic to meet the requirement of the State along with the vegetables like cabbage, cauliflower and tomato. However, diverse Agro-climatic conditions of the State suit production of the aforesaid tuber crops, bulb crops and vegetables in almost all the districts across the State. Kharif season provides ample scope for production of potato and onions along with different spices in hilly districts like Koraput, Kandhamal, Rayagada, Gajapati and others. In the above backdrop, the proposed scheme has been formulated for area expansion of tuber crops like potato, bulb crops like onion and garlic and vegetable crops like cabbage, cauliflower and tomato along with area expansion of seeds spices, rhizomatic spices and perennial spices as well.

Implementation of the Scheme :—

The scheme is not specific to any location. It will be implemented in all 30 districts of the State. However certain components will be focused on potential districts or existing clusters. Women beneficiaries, WSHG members FPOs will be motivated and given preference for taking up the activities under the scheme.

The proposed scheme has been envisaged with the following objectives :

1. Provision of financial assistance to the beneficiaries for cultivation of potato, onion, garlic, vegetables and spices.
2. Making the State self-sufficient in production of 5 vegetables like potato, onion, tomato, cauliflower & cabbage within 5 years from 2021-22 to 2025-26.
3. Cluster promotion of spices involving WSHGs and FPOs with special focus on primary processing and marketing of spices and its products.

4. Doubling the area under spices from present acreage in cluster mode during the mission period.

5. Training/ capacity building and hand holding support to the farmers and their groups for integrated development of spices and marketing of its products in the national and the international markets.

Financial Implications :—

To promote area expansion of tuber crops like potato and bulb crops like onion and garlic along with area expansion of seeds spices, rhizomatic spices, perennial spices and vegetables like tomato, cabbage and cauliflower the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) has approved a four years financial allocation amounting to Rs. 1142.24 crore to utilize as subsidy for four years (2022-23 to 2025-26).

ORDER—Ordered that the notification be published in the extraordinary issue of *Odisha Gazette*.

By order of the Governor
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Principal Secretary to Government