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(2) Extraordinary (No. 2) dated 20-5-2016 from pages 169 to 296 regarding Tariff Order issued by JERC for FY 2016-17—Not. No. 120/03/JERC/MT/16-17/CEE/Tech from Department of Power (Office of the Chief Electrical Engineer).

(3) Extraordinary (No. 3) dated 24-5-2016 from pages 297 to 354 regarding minimum rates of wages—Not. No. 24/21/2009-LAB-II/355 from Department of Labour.

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## GOVERNMENT OF GOA

Department of Agriculture

Directorate of Agriculture

## Notification

3/3/Hort/SSS-GSHCL/2/2016-17/D.Agr/37

The following scheme approved by the Government of Goa is hereby published for the information of the public in general and the farming community in particular.

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (i) The scheme shall be called "Promotion of vegetables with Assured Markets-2015".

(ii) It shall come into effect from 1st April, 2015 and shall remain in force till it is

withdrawn or amended by the Government of Goa.

2. *Objectives.*— (i) To promote commercial vegetable cultivation in the State as a viable self-employment activity.

(ii) To reduce the dependence on other States for the State's vegetable requirements.

(iii) To draw back youth to agriculture in view of the short gestation period for vegetable projects and greater profitability.

(iv) To insulate all vegetable cultivators from exploitation by middle men.

(v) To establish market linkages for green house vegetable cultivators besides others.

(vi) To provide Goan consumers, quality vegetables and fruits produced through lower/ lesser fertilizer as well as pesticide use.

3. *Beneficiaries.*—(i) All farmers of the State cultivating vegetables.

(ii) Various farmer groups, i.e. Self Help Groups (SHG's), Farmers Cooperative Societies/Clubs/Associations engaged in vegetable cultivation and registered with the Directorate of Agriculture/Goa State Horticultural Corporation Ltd. (GSHCL).

(iii) Schools and other educational/socio-cultural organisations promoting and involved in vegetable cultivation.

4. *Pattern of Assistance.*—The assistance will be based on the type of vegetables to be procured.

(A) These shall be commercial varieties of vegetables or those having good market demand commonly brought to Goa from the Belgaum market, namely:—

- i. Onion
- ii. Tomato
- iii. Bhendi
- iv. Green chilly
- v. Cluster bean
- vi. Cucumber
- vii. Ridge Gourd
- viii. Bitter Gourd
- ix. Tendli
- x. Bottle Gourd (Trellis grown)
- xi. Brinjal
- xii. Elephant Foot Yam
- xiii. Ginger

(B) The implementing agency i.e. Goa State Horticultural Corporation Ltd. (GSHCL) would be entitled for full reimbursement from scheme funds towards the expenditure incurred for:—

(i) Rent and other infrastructural costs such as crates, baskets, net bags, weighing scales, stationery, etc. to operate existing 18 procurement centres and any additional centres to be opened after Government approval.

(ii) Rent and other infrastructural costs to operate a centralised sorting, grading and packing centre in each district.

(iii) Hire charges of vehicles engaged to collect vegetables from designated places bring it to Procurement Centres, transport it to district level sorting/packing centre or directly to supply to vendors i.e. one vehicle per Procurement Centre and up to two vehicles, as per need, per district level centre.

(iv) The Goa State Horticultural Corporation Ltd. (GSHCL) will also be reimbursed the salaries of the staff deployed by it for implementing the scheme as per guidelines communicated from time to time by Department of Personnel, Government of Goa. Such staff will comprise of Marketing Officers, Supervisors and Helpers equivalent to posts of Assistant Agriculture Office, Lower Division Clerk and Field Worker in the Directorate of Agriculture.

(C) The Corporation shall fix the rate of procurement on fortnightly basis well in advance. Actual cost difference between the pre-fixed procurement price (if higher) and the actual sale rate for the day fixed for similar vegetable supplied by its approved contractors for procured vegetables sold will be reimbursed to Goa State Horticultural Corporation Ltd. (GSHCL) from scheme funds.

(D) The Goa State Horticultural Corporation Ltd. (GSHCL) shall also be eligible for an additional assistance of 10% of the total purchase value of procured vegetables to cover losses due to reduction in weight due to drilage, spoilage, during transportation and handling etc.

5. *Procedures & Guidelines.*—(i) The Goa State Horticultural Corporation Ltd. (GSHCL) will identify in consultation with the Directorate of Agriculture, the commercial varieties/mix of varieties of vegetables having good market demand for supply through its vendors as well as good demand outside the State (in case of vegetables like green chilly) besides high yielding attributes.

(ii) The Directorate of Agriculture will purchase the seed of such varieties to be distributed under its various vegetable promotion schemes.

(iii) Farmers cultivating such identified varieties of vegetables and any other varieties deemed suitable and willing to sell their produce through Goa State Horticultural Corporation Ltd. (GSHCL) shall register with the Corporation through the concerned Zonal Agriculture Officer (ZAO) giving relevant details such as type and variety of vegetable, area, dates of sowing & harvesting, bank mandate form, Krishi card (if available) and Aadhar Card number, etc. in the format given at Annexure I.

(iv) The Goa State Horticultural Corporation Ltd. (GSHCL) shall fix the procurement rates in advance. The rates shall be fixed by Goa State Horticultural Corporation Ltd. (GSHCL) based on the average approved price for supply to it during the corresponding fortnight of the previous year which will be the base price. An additional amount of Rs. 8 shall be added to this base price.

(v) These rates shall be widely circulated by Goa State Horticultural Corporation Ltd. (GSHCL) for information of vegetable cultivators.

(vi) Registered farmers should compulsorily intimate the Goa State Horticultural Corporation Ltd. (GSHCL) through designated Supervisors at Procurement Centres, the probable quantity of various vegetables likely to be supplied by them two days in advance.

(vii) The Goa State Horticultural Corporation Ltd. (GSHCL) shall purchase the vegetable from such registered growers brought to its Procurement Centres or designated collection points, provided it meets the quality standards and is within the eligible quantity for the area grown. The rate of purchase will be the pre-fixed price or the approved supplier's rate for the day whichever is higher.

(viii) Grading and packing etc. shall be done at Procurement Centres, District Level Centres and distribution/sale of these vegetables shall be done through the hired goods transport vehicles whose hire will be reimbursed under the scheme.

(ix) The procured vegetable shall be sold by Goa State Horticultural Corporation Ltd. (GSHCL) as per the normal/approved sale price to its vendors.

(x) In case of glut or procurement in excess of its requirements for supply through its vendor networks and after exhausting all storage options, the Goa State Horticultural Corporation Ltd. (GSHCL) will be permitted to sell such vegetables at whole sale markets within and outside the State. Such produce may also be directly sold to exporters in case higher prices are offered.

(xi) The price difference and/or approved handling charges as a percentage of vegetables sold will be claimed month-wise or season-wise at the discretion of Goa State Horticultural Corporation Ltd. (GSHCL) considering carryover of procured stock from one month end to beginning of next month. The assistance of price difference will be on quantity sold only.

(xii) The Goa State Horticultural Corporation Ltd. (GSHCL) shall furnish a soft copy of all such claims along with a copy of the claim statement to the Directorate of Agriculture for its perusal and records. It shall also furnish the Annual Utilization Certificate duly certified by its Internal Auditor.

6. *Interpretation.*— Issues, if any, arising with regards to interpretation of any clause, word(s), expression(s) or the entire scheme, the decision in this respect shall vest with the Government.

7. *Redressal of grievances and disputes.*— Governances or disputes, if any, arising out of implementation of the scheme shall be submitted to and decided by the Director of Agriculture and the decision taken in this respect shall be final and binding on all concerned.

8. *Powers to relax.*— The Government shall, with prior consultation with the Finance Department relax any or all conditions specified above to meet the objectives of the scheme.

This issues with the concurrence of the Finance (Expenditure) Department under U. O. No. 1400017668, dated 17-02-2016.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Ulhas B. Pai Kakode, Director & ex officio Joint Secretary (Agriculture).

Tonca-Caranzalem, 17th May, 2016.