

HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT, HARYANA

Agenda No. 1: Farming operations including harvesting.

Major Issues:

1. Shortage of labour for ongoing harvesting of f&v.
2. Shortage of packing material for transportation.
3. If lockdown continues, the market of produce will be adversely affected, causing prices to slash at wholesale
4. Crop wise status:
 - a. Vegetables
 - Potato crop has almost harvested, due to weather and shortage of labour, harvesting delayed and some %age of potato rotten.
 - Tomato, brinjal, bhindi, chilli, etc. are in harvesting stage
 - Onion, garlic cucurbitaceous crops like bottle gourd, bitter gourd, musk melon, cucumber, ridge gourd etc. and leafy vegetable crops shall mature in next 20-30 days onwards.
 - If lockdown continue, their market may be affected.
 - b. Fruit
 - Ber: the most affected crop, very less market and return to farmers.
 - Strawberry: earlier crop gone well, but late season peak March month crop affected.
 - c. Flower:
 - Almost all the flower crops namely gladiolus, chrysanthemum, rose, marigold are badly affected, as no market.

Steps Proposed:

1. Farm labour may be exempted for doing field operations.
2. The sanitizers, mask may also be provided to farm labors.
3. BBY system may be put in place in Mandis so that low price may be compensated to the farmers.

Agenda No. 2: Agriculture Marketing & Mandi operations.

1. Govt. has covered 26 horticultural crops under Bhavantar Bharpayee Yojana (BBY).
2. HSAMB may ensure the issue of J –forms to the farmers and timely issue of daily price for price compensation.

Agenda No. 3: Procurement on MSP:

1. Govt. has implemented BBY to cover 26 major horticulture produce to protect the farmers during low price sale.

Agenda No. 4: Provision of inputs including Credit, Seeds and Fertilizer

1. Interest free crop loan may be provided to the horticulture farmers for the year 2020-21.
2. A provision of 75% subsidy on kharif and rabi season vegetable Seeds may be made during 2020-21.

3. Subsidy for fertilizers and diesel may be increased for the farmers.
4. 75 % subsidy may be provided on horticulture machinery/equipment to the farmers during 2020-21.
5. The cold Storage charges of horticulture farmers may be reimbursed by the Govt.
6. Electricity bill of horticulture farmers may be waived off during April to June 2020-21 by the govt.

Agenda No. 5: Issue relating to logistics and movement of Agri/Horticulture produce.

Horticulture Department, Haryana in close coordination of HSAMB is working for supply of fruits and vegetables in various localities as allocated by district administration. Some initiatives taken by department are as under:

Initiatives

1. Department mobilized 112 Farmers Producer Organizations across the State for supply of fruits and vegetables in all the 22 districts of the State. More than 200 passes were issued to supply the produce in the allocated locations in the cities.
2. Date wise supply:
 - a. 03/04: 4805 qtl.
 - b. 04/04: 6969 qtl.
 - c. 05/04: 7504 qtl.
 - d. 06/04: 7728 qtl.
3. Long term plan is being chalked out for commodities available in around 200 horticulture clusters during April, May and June as per the demand of consumers. Three pack houses of FPOs & 15 pack houses of HSAMB identified for aggregation, sorting, grading, packing of produce as a part of long-term planning.
4. 125 FPOs have been registered on E-NAM for online trading. Matter has been taken up with E-retailers/traders like Big basket, Walmart, Big bazar, Metro, Zomato, Grofer, etc. for procurement of fruits and vegetables from FPOs.
5. Planning for processing of unsold vegetables is being prepared in consultation with NIFTEM and IIHR. Food processing industries are being contacted for procurement of surplus from farmers/ FPOs.

Major Issues:

1. Lack of aggregation, grading, packing facility at farm level.
2. Lack of transportation facilities with FPOs
3. Lack of workforce for farm operation & harvesting
4. No demand in food processing industries.
