

F.No.19/17/2018-Livelihood
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Jeevan Tara Bldg., Sansad Marg,
New Delhi, dated:26th May, 2020

To,

The Principal Secretaries / Secretaries / Commissioners
Tribal Welfare Department, All States

Subject: Inclusion of new Minor Forest Produce (MFP) items and stipulation of their Minimum Support Price (MSP) under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme titled "Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and development of value chain of MFP" – regarding.

Sir / Madam,

I am directed to refer to this ministry's letter of even number dated 1st May, 2020 on the above subject informing about revision of Minimum Support Price (MSP) of the 49 MFP items that are already included in this Ministry's Centrally Sponsored Scheme titled "Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and development of value chain of MFP" and to say that the question of including more MFP items in the list of MFPs, on the basis of feedback received from various States from time to time, has been under consideration of this Ministry for some time.

2. Now, in view of the exceptional and very difficult circumstances currently prevailing in the country on account of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the potential of the instant scheme to offer the much needed support to the tribal MFP gatherers, the competent authority, after due consultation with the MFP Pricing Cell has taken into account the fact that some of items, which are otherwise agricultural produce, are not commercially grown in the North Eastern part of India but are found to grow in the wild in forests. Hence, those specific items shall be treated as MFP items and their collection shall be applicable **only** in the North Eastern part of India. The other MFP items and their MSP shall be applicable throughout the country. The details of the newly included items along with their MSP are stipulated as under:-

(in Rupees per Kg.)

Sl. No.	Minor Forest Produce (MFP)	MSP Proposed	Category F: Forest A: Agriculture P: Processed	Applicability as MFP item
1	Van Tulsi seeds (<i>Ocimum gratissimum</i>)	16	F	All India
2	Van Jeera (<i>Vernonia anthelmintica</i>)	70	F	All India
3	Beetal nut raw (<i>Areca catechu</i>) (Raw)	30	A	N.E. States
4	Beetal nut Dry (<i>Areca catechu</i>) (Dry)	200	A P	N.E. States
5	Mushroom Dry (<i>Agaricus bisporus</i>) (Dry)	300	A P	N.E. States
6	Black rice (<i>Oryza sativa L</i>)	100	A	N.E. States
7	Johar Rice (<i>Oryza sativa</i>)	50	A	N.E. States

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8	King Chilli (<i>Capsicum chinense Jacq</i>)	300	A	N.E. States
9	Mustard (<i>Brassica nigra</i>)	40	A	N.E. States
10	Raw Cashew (<i>Anacardium occidentale</i>) (Raw)	450	A	N.E. States
11	Cashew Nut (<i>Anacardium occidentale</i>) (Nut)	800	AP	N.E. States
12	Tamarind Seed (<i>Tamarindus indica</i>)	11	F	All India
13	Bamboo Brooms (<i>Thysanolaena maxima</i>)	60	F	All India
14	Ginger dry (<i>Zingiber officinale</i>)	50	A P	N.E. States
15	Perilla dry (<i>Perilla frutescens</i>)	140	A	N.E. States
16	Rosella (<i>Hibiscus sabdariffa</i>)	200	A	N.E. States
17	Nutgall (<i>Rhus chinensis</i>)	150	A	N.E. States
18	Zanthoxylum Dried (<i>Zanthoxylum armatum</i>)	200	A	N.E. States
19	Jack Fruit Seed (<i>Artocarpus heterophyllus</i>) (Seeds)	45	A	N.E. States
20	Dry Anola (<i>Phyllanthus emblica</i>) (Dry)	60	F	All India
21	Kachri Baheda (<i>Terminalia bellerica</i>)	20	P	All India
22	Kachri Harra (<i>Terminalia chebula</i>)	23	P	All India
23	Seed lac (<i>Kerria lacca</i>)	677	F P	All India

3. The MSP of the MFP items as mentioned above shall be operative with immediate effect and shall remain valid till further revision.


4.1. MSP declared by GoI shall be reference MSP for fixing MSP and State Government shall have latitude of 10% of MSP declared by GoI i.e., State can fix MSP upto 10% higher or lower than MSP declared by GoI.

4.2. If a State fixes its MSP higher than MSP declared by GoI as mentioned above and sale price / proceeds falls below that, then the difference between State MSP and MSP declared by GoI will be borne by concerned State Government only.

5. The MSP of the MFP items as mentioned above may be brought to the notice of the State Nodal Agencies and the State Implementing Agencies as they shall be exercised with immediate effect. TRIFED shall keep watch on market prices and display on website besides sharing with the States to facilitate implementation of the scheme. It shall also endeavour to develop market linkage between state agencies (through State Nodal Department) and bulk users / buyers.

6. Strict compliance of instruction issued vide letter dated 22.4.2020 regarding submission of accounts may be made.

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7. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,


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