

**Guidelines for providing assistance for installation of Anti-Hail Nets as per Krishi Utpadan Sanrakshan Yojana for the Year 2021-2022 of Department of Agriculture, Himachal Pradesh**

Hailstorms in Himachal Pradesh are one of the major natural calamities resulting in substantial economic loss to the farmers by damaging the standing vegetable crops, particularly Peas, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Cucumber, Tomato, Capsicum etc. and other exotic vegetable crops, both qualitatively and quantitatively.

The scheme will primarily benefit approximately 3,500 farmers, helping them to substantially, reduce qualitative and quantitative losses to their vegetable produce. The monetary gains are expected to be approximately Rs.15-20 crores annually with significant contribution to the state GDP.

In order to mitigate the losses caused by hail storms and to fulfill the demand of the farmers, the Budget provisions of Rs. 10 crores for providing assistance to the farmers for the purchase of anti-hail nets with the target to bring about 40 lakhs square meter under protection of anti-hail nets in the state during 2021-2022 has been made under Krishi Utpadan Sanrakshan Yojana.

***Modalities for implementation of the scheme is;***

1. Under this scheme, assistance will be provided to all categories of farmers of the state.
2. Only bonafide farmers of Himachal Pradesh shall be eligible for availing assistance under the scheme.
3. The maximum limit for availing assistance under this scheme will be restricted to 5000 Sq. meter area per beneficiary/family.
4. Any kind of practice which may lead to misutilization of the subsidy/government funds shall not be allowed. The beneficiary is also required to give an undertaking in this regard. If found so at any stage, beneficiary will be liable to face suitable legal action besides refund of the whole subsidy amount with prevailing rate of interest. The amount disbursed to such beneficiary will be liable to be recovered as arrear of land revenue.
5. The interested farmer will have to apply on the format prescribed under the scheme along with requisite estimates and latest revenue records. The complete application will be submitted to the concerned SMS/ Agriculture Development Officer/

Agriculture Extension Officer of concerned area for further advice and necessary action.

6. The execution of any activity/component under this scheme shall be done by the beneficiary at his own level after getting due sanction/work order from the concerned Deputy Director of Agriculture.
7. The subsidy claim should invariably comprise of the detailed inspection report of the concerned field officers of the Agriculture Department duly supported by the activity photographs. The concerned Subject Matter Specialist (Agri.) will physically verify 100% of cases before submitting the cases to Deputy Directors of Agriculture/ District Agriculture Officer (in case of Kinnaur/ Kaylong). The Deputy Directors of Agriculture/ District Agriculture Officer (in case of Kinnaur/ Kaylong) will physically inspect at least 25% of the cases prior to the release of the subsidy.
8. The Department reserves the right to accept or reject the project proposals or restrict the approval of the project proposal subject to the availability of funds with the department. The decision of the Director of Agriculture shall be final in this regard.
9. Prior to supply the material, service provider has to visit the site so that actual quantity of net can be assessed.
10. After approval of the farmers case by the concerned Deputy Directors of Agriculture/ District Agriculture Officer (in case of Kinnaur/ Kaylong), the beneficiary have to submit 20% of total project cost in the shape of Bank Draft in favour of concerned firm/ company and handed over to concerned Deputy Directors of Agriculture/ District Agriculture Officer (in case of Kinnaur/ Kaylong) or Subject Matter Specialist. The same will be given to firm/ company after complete supply of material by the firm at farmer field. The final bill/ invoice should be raised in the name beneficiary and handover the same at the time of supply.
11. The farmer has to install Anti Hail Net within 10 days after receipt of material. The bill may be submitted to the Department at the time of final inspection. After final inspection by the Department and satisfactory certificate from the farmers, the remaining 80% amount will be released in favour of the firm on the basis of declaration of farmer.
12. To ascertain the quality of material all the Deputy Directors of Agriculture/ District Agriculture Officer (in case of Kinnaur/ Kaylong) requested to procure the material sample in their offices for cross check the material supplied by the firm/ company in the field.

The assistance will be provided to the farmers as per norms and guidelines of Department of Agriculture, Himachal Pradesh in respect of Anti Hail Net. The details are as under;

Sr. No.	Component	Rate of Assistance	Actual LI Rate (m <sup>2</sup> )	Remarks
1	Knitted & Raschel Anti Hail Net	80%	Rs. 22/- per square meter	Maximum area upto 5,000 Sq. mtr. per beneficiary.
2	Woven & Leno Anti Hail Net	80%	Rs. 28.87/- per square meter	

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