Part II—Section 1
Notifications or Orders of specific character or of particular interest to the public issued by Secretariat Departments.

NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT
IMPLEMENTATION OF PRICE SUPPORT SCHEME (PSS) FOR PROCUREMENT OF RED GRAM IN TAMIL NADU
[G.O. Ms. No. 293, Agriculture (AP-4), 13th November 2018, குழு நூற்றாண்டு முறை, பல்வேறு நடவடிக்கை செய்திகள் 2049.]

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Crop calendar and Harvesting period of Redgram in the State of Tamil Nadu

A remunerative and stable price environment for Redgram growers/farmers is very important for increasing agricultural production and productivity. The market price for agricultural produce many times tends to be unstable and volatile which may result in undue losses to the growers and discourage adoption of the modern technology and required inputs.

The Government’s price policy for agricultural commodities seeks to ensure remunerative prices to the growers for their produce with a view to encourage higher investment and production and to safeguard the interest of consumers by making available supplies at reasonable prices with low cost of intermediation. The price policy also seeks to evolve a balanced and integrated price structure in the perspective of the overall needs of the economy.

Towards this end, the Government announce Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for major agricultural commodities each year in both the Crop seasons after taking into account the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP).
In the scheme for the procurement of Redgram in the year of 2018-2019 as per the guidelines for Price Support Scheme (PSS) issued by the Government of India, (Department of Agriculture and Cooperation) the notification regarding Crop calendar and harvesting period of Redgram in the State of Tamil Nadu is to be required as part of proposal.

Therefore, the Government of Tamil Nadu is willing to implement the Price Support Scheme (PSS) and its operation in Tamil Nadu and accordingly declare the following details:

1. Crop : Red gram
2. Commodity to be notified : Red gram
3. Crop calendar year : Throughout the year
4. Harvesting period : January to March
5. Commencement of arrival : First week of January 2019
6. Peak arrival period : 1st February 2019 to 15th March 2019
7. Expected Quantity : 10000 MT
9. Details of Red gram Production in Tamil Nadu
   (a) Area : 52530 ha (as per 2017-18 fourth Adv. Estimate)
   (b) Area Expected : 35000 Ha
   (c) Expected production : 40670 MT
   (d) Average yield : 1162 Kgs / ha
   (e) Ruling market price : Rs.40 to Rs.45 per Kg of Red gram
   (f) Major growing districts : Vellore, Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri, Salem, Theni, Madurai and Erode.

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