

subsidized P&K fertilizers, namely Nitrogen (N), Phosphate (P), Potash (K) and Sulphur (S).

- It is **applicable to 22 fertilizers** (other than Urea) for which MRP will be decided taking into account the international and domestic prices of P&K fertilizers, exchange rate, and inventory level in the country.
- Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers is nodal.

MARKET INTELLIGENCE AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEM

- **Union Ministry of Food Processing** has launched Market Intelligence and Early Warning System (MIEWS) Portal for Monitoring prices of **TOP Crops - Tomato, Onion and Potato**.
- MIEWS portal would help in planning and timely intervention for **price stabilization** and **generating alerts**.
- The MIEWS Dashboard and Portal is a '**first-of-its-kind**' platform for '**real time monitoring**' of prices of tomato, onion and potato (TOP) and for simultaneously generating alerts for intervention under the terms of the **Operation Greens (OG)** scheme.
- The portal would **disseminate all relevant information** related to TOP crops such as Prices and Arrivals, Area, Yield and Production, Imports and Exports, Crop Calendars, Crop Agronomy, etc. in an easy-to-use visual format.
- A dashboard that would indicate **low price and high price alerts** as well as price **forecasts for 3 months forward**.

Operation Greens Scheme:

- In the budget speech of **Union Budget 2018-19**, a new Scheme "**Operation Greens (OG)**" was announced on the line of "**Operation Flood**".
- The scheme provides an outlay of **Rs.500 crores** to **promote Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs)**, **Agri-logistics**, processing facilities and professional management.
- Accordingly, the Ministry has formulated a scheme for **integrated development of Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) value chain**.
- As per the terms of the OG Scheme, during a glut situation, evacuation of surplus production **from producing areas to consumption centers** will be undertaken as determined by the following:
 - When the prices fall **below preceding 3 years' average market price** at the time of harvest;

- When the prices **fall more than 50% compared to last year's** market price at the time of harvest;
- When the **prices fall less than the benchmark**, if any, fixed by the State/ Central Government for a specified period.

TILHAN MISSION

- **Tilhan Mission to make the country self-reliant in oilseed production.**
- India is the **fourth largest vegetable oil economy** in the world after the USA, China and Brazil.
- Today, the oilseeds account for **13% of the cropped area** in the country.
- The **oilseed accounts for 13% of the Gross Cropped Area**
- Still, India is the **largest importer of palm oil** in the world.

SCHEME FOR FORMATION AND PROMOTION OF FPOs

- The Cabinet Committee has given its approval for 10,000 FPOs to be formed in five years period from 2019-20 to 2023-24 to ensure economies of scale for farmers.
- Concept of FPO begun during 2011-12

About the Scheme

- It would be a new **Central Sector Scheme** titled "Formation and Promotion of Farmer Produce Organizations (FPOs)" to **form and promote 10,000 new FPOs**.
- Under Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW).
- Initially there will be **three implementing Agencies** to form and promote FPOs, namely Small Farmers Agri-business Consortium (**SFAC**), National Cooperative Development Corporation (**NCDC**) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (**NABARD**).
- **States may also nominate their Implementing Agency** in consultation with DAC&FW.
- **DAC&FW** will allocate Cluster/States to Implementing Agencies which in turn will form the **Cluster-Based Business Organization** in the States.

Modes for promotion:

- FPOs will be promoted under "**One District One Product**" cluster to promote specialization and