

## Guidelines for providing assistance for the installation of Anti-hail Nets as per Budget Assurance 2018-19

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Hailstorms in Himachal Pradesh are one of the major natural calamities resulting in substantial economic loss to the farmers by damaging the horticultural crops, particularly apple and vegetable crops, both qualitatively and quantitatively.

The scheme will primarily benefit small & marginal and women farmers of the state, helping them to substantially reduce qualitative and quantitative losses to their horticulture produce. The monetary gains are expected to be approximately Rs. 200 crore with significant contribution to the state GDP.

In order to mitigate the losses caused by hail storms & to meet out the demand from farmers of the State, the Honorable Chief Minister Himachal Pradesh has announced Rs. 10 crore for providing 80% subsidy to the farmers for the purchase of anti-hail nets with the target to bring about 30 lakh square meter under protection of anti hail nets in the state during the year 2018-19.

### Modalities for implementation of the scheme

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 sqr. mtr. area per beneficiary/family.
4. Any kind of practice which may lead to mis-utilization of the subsidy/government funds shall not be allowed. The beneficiary is also required to give an affidavit in this regard. If found so at any stage, beneficiary will be liable to face suitable legal action besides refund of the

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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 alongwith requisite estimates and latest revenue records. The complete application will be submitted to the concerned Horticulture Extension Officer for further advise 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 DDH/SMS.
7. The subsidy claim should invariably comprise of the detailed inspection report of the concerned field officers of the Horticulture Department duly supported by the activity photographs. The concerned Subject Matter Specialist (Hort) will physically verify 100% of cases before submitting the cases to the DDH. The concerned DDH 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 Director of Horticulture, H.P. shall be final in this regard.
9. The guidelines and cost norms which are already being followed under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) will only be adhered to so as to maintain uniformity in the implementation of the scheme. The assistance will be provided to the farmers at par with the norms and guidelines of the MIDH detail of which are as follows:

Sr. No.	Component	Cost Norms (as per MIDH)	Rate of assistance	Maximum Amount	Remarks
1.	Anti-hail net	Rs. 35/- per square meter	80%	Rs. 28/- per square meter	Maximum area upto 5000 sq mtr per beneficiary.

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Application Form for Availing Assistance under Scheme for Anti Hail Nets

To Deputy Director of Horticulture, Category: .....  
 Distt. \_\_\_\_\_ Himachal Pradesh. F.Y.: .....

Subject - Project Proposal for Availing Assistance under Scheme for Anti Hail Nets.

Sir,  
 I/we \_\_\_\_\_ S/o, D/o, W/o Sh. \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_ category  
 Gen/SC/ST/OBC, contact number \_\_\_\_\_ permanent resident of Village \_\_\_\_\_  
 PO \_\_\_\_\_ Tehsil \_\_\_\_\_ Distt. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ intend to avail assistance for purchase of anti hail nets in my/ our land/orchard at  
 Village \_\_\_\_\_ PO \_\_\_\_\_ Tehsil \_\_\_\_\_ Distt. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ HP.

I/we shall feel obliged if the assistance on the component- for purchase of anti hail nets. The proposals/cost estimates for each component are attached.

1. Aadhaar Number: .....
2. Location/ address of the orchard:- .....
3. Total land owned by the beneficiary (in Ha):-  
 a. Proof of land ownership (kisan pass book/jamabandi/tatima/certificate from the revenue officer)
4. Type of land: - irrigated/non irrigated: ..... Source of irrigation .....
5. Horticulture crops grown in the orchard: .....
6. Details of accessibility of the orchard/farm: .....
7. Area to be covered with anti hail nets: .....
8. Total cost estimate Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ of the proposal submitted under the scheme.
9. I/we certify that the particulars furnished above by me/us are true to the best of my/our knowledge and belief that nothing has been concealed there in.
10. I/We give an undertaking to the effect that the Department of Horticulture or other authorized agencies shall have the right to inspect the material purchased/quality of the material and work done.

11. In case of mis-utilization or non-utilization of assistance in whole or part, I/we undertake to refund the amount of assistance granted to me/us in full and in lump-sum along with the interest at the prevailing Bank rates thereon.

Yours Faithfully,

Name and Address of the Applicant  
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Application along with project proposal/relevant documents for assistance to the extent of Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ is forwarded to the Deputy Director of Horticulture Distt. \_\_\_\_\_ Himachal Pradesh for consideration and onward transmission to the Dy. Director of Horticulture, Himachal Pradesh.

Horticulture Development Officer,  
Dev. Block/ Ext. Centre .....  
Distt. ...., HP

Subject Matter Specialist (Hort)  
Dev. Block.....

Approved/ Recommended

Dy. Director of Horticulture /SMS (Hort.) ..... Distt. .... HP