

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
STATE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT
(Information under Sub-Clause (II) of Section 4 (1) (b) of the Right to Information Act, 2005)

NOTIFICATION

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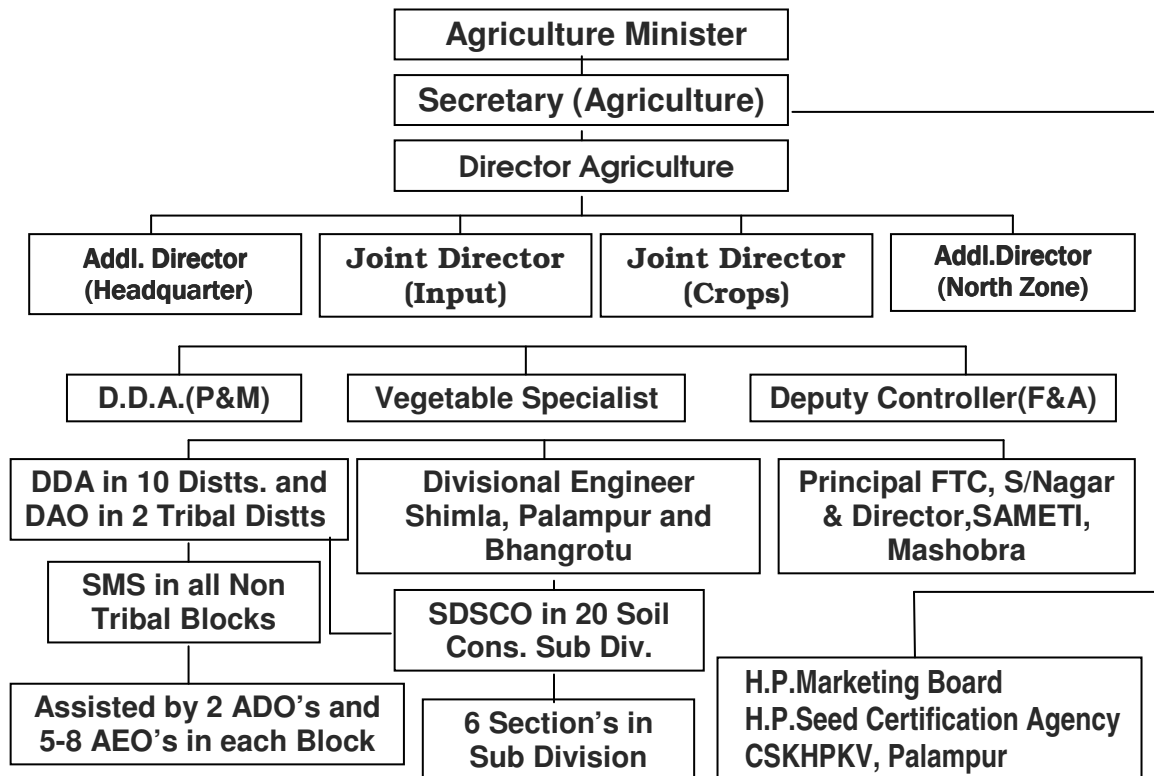
Dated: 20th December, 2008

Consequent upon having been declared as the Public Authority at the Directorate level for the purpose of "The Right to Information Act, 2005" by the Government vide Notification No. Agr. A (4) 3 / 04-I dated 21.11.2005, I hereby publish the following information pertaining to the Department of Agriculture, H.P. as required under provision under sub section (1) (b) of section (4) of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

(i) Particulars of Organisation, Functions and Duties of the Department:

(a) Departmental Organisation:

The Organisation Chart (Administrative Set Up) of the Department is given below;



(b) Particulars of Functions & Duties:

The Department of Agriculture was established in the year 1952. Initially, the Department was responsible for Development of Agriculture and Allied Sectors including Research. In the year 1970, the Horticulture wing of the Department was separated and a separate Horticulture Department was established

to look after the needs of horticulturists in the State and 1971 onwards research and education mandate was given to the Himachal Pradesh Agriculture University.

The Mandate of the Department;

1. To provide farm advisory services and extension support for adoption of new farm technology to the farming community for increasing agriculture production as agriculture sector provides livelihood of 72% population.
2. To provide logistic support to the farmers in the form of supply of quality agriculture inputs like seeds, fertilizers, plant protection material, implements etc.
3. To harness the Agro-ecological potential through diversification of crops encouraging adoption of cash crops.
4. Soil & Water Conservation on Agriculture lands.
5. To provide Agriculture marketing Services to the farmers.

The Department of Agriculture is headed by the Director of Agriculture with headquarter at Shimla. The Director of Agriculture is assisted by two Joint Directors of Agriculture. One Additional Director of Agriculture has been posted for North Zone at Dharamsala, District Kangra, who is responsible for Direction, Administration and monitoring of all the activities in Kangra Chamba, Una, Hamirpur and Mandi districts with regard to Agriculture department.

In 10 districts (except Lahaul & Spiti and Kinnaur) Deputy Director Agriculture is responsible for the implementation of all Agriculture Development Programmes. Whereas in Lahaul valley and District Kinnaur, District Agricultural Officer with headquarter at Keylong and Reckongpeo respectively and in Spiti Division, Assistant Project Officer (Agr.) with headquarter at Kaza are responsible for implementation of Agriculture Development Programmes. The Deputy Director of Agriculture in the district is assisted by the District Agricultural Officer, Regional Potato Development Officer and Subject Matter Specialists. With a view to strengthen the extension network at grass root level, one SMS, two ADOs and 4 to 6 AEOs have been provided in each block. To carryout Soil & Water Conservation and minor irrigation activities, 21 Sub Divisions are in existence and each Sub Division is headed by the Sub Divisional Soil Conservation Officer who are working under the control of respective Deputy Director of Agriculture. For technical support three Soil Conservation Divisions have been established at Shimla, Mandi at Bhangrotu and Kangra at Palampur however, their administrative and financial control is with the Deputy Director of Agriculture of the District

One Agriculture Extension Training Centre upgraded as State Agriculture Management Extension & Training Institute(SAMETI) at Mashobra & one Farmers Training Centre at Sundernagar headed by Director and Princiapl respectively have been set up to cater to the needs of training capacity

building of the grass root extension functionaries viz. Agriculture Dev. Officers, Agriculture Extension Officers and farmers.

Soil Testing laboratories headed by Soil Testing Officers in each district (except Lahaul-Spiti) have been set up where soil samples are tested and accordingly soil management practices are suggested to the farmers.

(ii) Powers and Duties of the Officers and employees of the Department:

(a) DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE:

1. Director, Department of Agriculture being the Administrative and Professional head of the Agriculture Department in the State, exercise all the Technical, Administrative and Financial Powers as exercised by the Heads of the Department in Himachal Pradesh Government.
2. He also acts as Chief Technical Advisor to the State Government on all matters relating to the Agriculture Department.
3. He controls all the Agricultural Development affairs in the State and shall issue special instructions/ directions considered necessary for Administrative and Professional reasons.
4. Any major Policy matter relating to professional activity shall be undertaken by him in consultation with other Senior Officers of the Department who are specialist in their disciplines.
5. He is also responsible for preparation of the budget and appropriation proposals for the department for consideration and approval of the Government.
6. Submission of all the reports and returns to the Government (Monthly/Quarterly/Annual Progress reports).
7. He exercises all the powers delegated to him by the Government and is directly answerable to the Government being head of Agriculture Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh.
8. Maintain proper Liaison with Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India.

(b) ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, DHARAMSALA:

He is responsible for coordination and monitoring of Agriculture Production Programme in his jurisdiction.

(c) DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE/ DISTRICT AGRICULTURE OFFICERS:

1. Preparation of block wise Agriculture Production Programme.
2. Arranging and stocking of agriculture inputs at all sale points in the district timely and adequately.
3. Effective control of the extension functionaries of the block level and timely monitoring and evaluation of the different development programme.

4. Point wise reporting of the achievements every month to the A.D.A./Directorate.
5. Overall responsibility for the high yielding varieties programme.
6. Organisation and imparting training along with the Agriculture Officers, Agriculture Development Officers, Agriculture Extension Officer at District, block headquarters.
7. Reviewing fertilizer and sale stock position from time to time including private sale.
8. Reviewing plant protection measures and sale stock position from time to time including private sale.
9. Undertaking intensive touring during campaign period so that all the blocks are covered.
10. Holding joint review with the Assistant/Deputy Registrar Cooperative Societies regularly to see the bottlenecks regarding inputs are removed at various level and keeping the Deputy Commissioner informed about the programme of the campaign.
11. To convene a meeting of the district level irrigation committee every month in order to sort and to remove the bottlenecks and to utilize the available irrigation potential.

(d) SUBJECT MATTER SPECIALIST:

1. Preparation of Agriculture Development Officer circle wise agriculture production programme.
2. Arranging and stocking all the inputs at all the sale points in block, timely and adequately.
3. To report shortage of seeds, Fertilizers etc. if any, immediately to the District level Officers or Deputy Commissioner.
4. Intensive touring during the campaign period. Inspection of Field problems such as diseases, insect pest attacks etc.
5. To ensure full utilization of irrigation potential.
6. To ensure quality of inputs by drawing samples of seeds and fertilizer under the Act's from various Government undertaking/private sale outlets.
7. Organising field days/Demonstrations under various schemes.
8. Better coordination with Panchayat, Samities at Block level.
9. Preparation of Block wise data/information regarding agriculture activities.

(e) AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS:

1. Preparation of Agriculture Extension Officers circle wise Agriculture Production Programme.
2. Arranging and stocking all the inputs at all the sale points in the block timely and adequately.
3. To coordinate stocking of fertilizer/Plant Protection measures at various sale points in the block with HIMFED/Coop. Societies, HPMC, HP Agro-Industries Corporation.
4. To organise farmers training camps at village level.
5. To report shortage of seed, fertilizer etc. if any, immediately, to the S.M.S or D.D.A.
6. Intensive touring during the campaign period.

7. To ensure full utilization of irrigation potential.
8. Reporting the achievement every month to the D.D.A's/ D.A.O's.

(f) AGRICULTURE EXTENSION OFFICERS:

1. Arranging supplies of Agricultural inputs from District Head Quarter.
2. Organise the training camps for farmers.
3. Contacting the farmers for supply of Agricultural inputs.
4. Organise field days.
5. Collection of Soil Samples representing Village, Panchayat and submission to District lab and ensure distribution of Soil Health Cards.
6. Coordination with Panchyats (PRI's).

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION WING:

(a) Divisional Engineer, Shimla, Mandi at Bhangrotu, Kangra at Palampur:

Check the schemes/ works executed by the Sub Divisions and accord the Technical/ Financial approval of big/ large schemes and also monitor the working of Sub Divisions.

(b) Sub Division Soil Conservation Officers:

They are responsible for the planning/ execution of soil conservation minor irrigation works in their respective jurisdiction under the over all control of Deputy Director of Agriculture.

(iii) Procedure followed in the decision- making process, including channels of supervision and accountability:

There is a set procedure for decision- making process, including channels of supervision and accountability in the Department of Agriculture as has already been depicted in the organizational chart at Annexure-A

(iv) Norms set by the Department for the discharge of its functions:

As per the present norms set up by the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh for discharging the functions and activities of the Department of Agriculture with a view to strengthen the extension network at the grass root level, one Subject Matter Specialist, two Agriculture Development Officers and 4 to 6 Extension Officers have been provided in each Block in the Districts. For Soil and Water Conservation activities, twenty Sub Divisions have been created and each sub division is headed by the Sub Division Conservation Officer. These Sub Divisions work under the administrative control of Deputy Directors of Agriculture. They are further assisted by the Divisional Engineer in the smooth discharge of the duties.

(v) Acts, Rules, Regulations, instructions, Manual and Records held by the Department or under its control or used by its employees for discharging its functions:

The various Rules and Regulations followed by the employees of the Department for discharging their duties and functions are under;

1. CCS Leave Rules, 1972
2. CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965
3. CCS Conduct Rules, 1964
4. HPFR Rules Vol-I &II
5. Medical Attendance Rules, (1940)
6. HB Advance Rules
7. Leave Travel Concession Rules
8. Budget Manual
9. Pension Rules
10. GPF Rules
11. General Finance Rules
12. Vehicle Rules
13. Subsidiary Treasury Rules
14. T.A. Rules (HP)
15. Office Manual of H.P. Govt.
16. FR/SR Rules
17. The Fertilizer (control) order 1985 issued under ECA, 1955.
18. The Seeds Act-1966 / The Seeds Rules, 1968/ The Seed (Control) Order, 1983
19. The Insecticide / Pesticide Act, 1968
20. Rules / Guide lines approved by the Govt. of H.P. vide letter No. Agr. F (II)-3/99 dated 15.11.1999 and No. Agr. F (II) -3/99 29.0102000 for the implementation of Irrigation Schemes through Water Users Association in H.P.
21. Himacha Pradesh Land Dev. Act, 1973
22. The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act-2005.
23. Himachal Pradesh, Public Works Department Schedule of Rate-1995

(vi) Statement of the categories of documents that are held by the Department or under its control:

The Department of Agriculture develops technical literature as per need of the farmers. Department follow and advocate research findings developed by State Agriculture/ Horticulture Universities and National level Institutes. Category of documents held by the department; (i) Service record of staff (ii) Budget Expenditure of the Department (iii) Record as per official manual.

(vii) Particulars of any arrangement that exists for consultation with, or representation by, the members of the public in relation to the formulation of Department's policy or implementation thereof:

The Department of Agriculture has prepared a Citizen Charter for the information of the General Public, which facilitates in the implementation of programmes / policies / schemes of the Department.

At the grass root level the departmental representatives i.e. the Subject Matter Specialist, Agriculture Development Officers and Agriculture Extension Officer are regularly attending the quarterly Gram Sabha meeting for the redressal of the grievances of the general public, as well as taking suggestions of the public. Besides this, the Departmental Officers are regularly attending the 20 Point Programme meetings/Grievances Meetings, Developmental Activities Meetings/ District level Meetings/ Zila Parishad level. At the state level, Planning Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister, Suggestions/Guidelines given by all the MLA's are incorporated in the Programmes and Policies of the Department for its implementations.

(viii) Statement of Boards, Councils, Committees or other bodies consisting of two more persons constituted as a part of the Department or for the purpose of its advice, and as to whether meetings of those boards, councils, committees and other bodies are open to the public, or the minutes of such meetings are accessible for public.

The Department of Agriculture has constituted the following Boards/ Committees/ Councils etc;

1. The State Level Co- ordination Committee on Crop Insurance
2. High Level Co- ordination Committee on Agricultural Statistics
3. State Level Monitoring Committee for Monitoring the Implementation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz the Mass Media Support to Agriculture Extension and the Kisan Call Centre
4. Distt. Level Agriculture Mass Media Committee, Kangra
5. Distt. Level Agriculture Mass Media Committee, Hamirpur
6. Agriculture Programme Co- ordination Committee for Doordarshan Kendra, Shimla, under CSS Mass Media Support to Agriculture Extension
7. Agriculture Programme Co-ordination Committee for All India Radio, FM, Hamirpur
8. Agriculture Programme Co-ordination Committee for All India Radio, FM, Dharamshala
9. **Bodies Under ATAMA Scheme:**
 - A. State Level:**
 - i) Inter- Departmental Working Group (IDWG)
 - B. District Level:**
 - i) Governing Board (ATMA; Atma Management Committee)
 - ii) Management Committee (ATMA)
 - iii) Public- Private Pailberlip Sub Committee
 - C. Block Level:**
 - i) Block Technology team (BTT) (official body)
 - ii) Farmer Advisory Committee (FAC)
10. **RKVY:**
 - a. State Level:**
 - i) State Level sanctioning Committee
 - ii) Review Committee under under RKVY
 - B. Distt. Level:**
 - i) Distt. Level Working Group
11. JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency)
12. State Level Steering Committee
13. High Level Purchase Committee
14. Task force for licensing productivity

15. Governing council for SAMETI
16. Mass Media Committee
17. Himachal Pradesh Tea Development Board
18. State Fertilizer Committee under FCO, 1985
19. H.P.State Seed Sub Committee for release of new crop varieties
20. High Level Committee for the purchase of Hybrid Seeds

(ix & X) Directory of Officers/ employees and Pay Scale of the department;

The pay scale of different categories in the Department of Agriculture, Himachal Pradesh is as under;

S.No.	Designation	Pay Scale
1	Director of Agriculture	18600-22100
2	Additional Director of Agriculture	14300-18600
3	Joint Director of Agriculture	13500-16800
4	Deputy Director of Agriculture	7220-11660
5	Senior Subject Matter Specialist	Entry Scale
6	Divisional Engineer	
7	Senior Analytical Chemist	&
8	Director, SAMETI	after 8 years
9	Principal, F.T.C	
10	Deputy Controller	10025-15000
11	Agriculture Statistical Officer	&
12	Economist	
13	Assistant Auto Mobile Engineer	after 16 years
14	Vegetable Specialist	
15	District Agriculture Officer	12000-16350
16	Subject Matter Specialist	
17	Soil Testing Officer	
18	Regional Potato Development Officer	
19	Assistant Development Officer (Veg.)	
20	Analytical Chemist	
21	Plant Protection Officer	
22	Agriculture Information Officer	
23	Assistant Seed Testing Officer	
24	Training Officer Male/Female	
25	Assistant Seed Production Officer	
26	Assistant Agriculture Marketing Officer	
27	Vice Principal	
28	Assistant Project Officer	
29	Assistant Soil Survey Officer (Engg.)	
30	Agriculture Development Officer	

31	Sub Divisional Soil Conservation Officer	
32	Technical Officer (Tea)	7220-11660
33	Assistant Soil Conservation Officer (Engg.)	10025-15000
34	Assistant Agriculture Statistical Officer	6400-10640
35	Administrative Officer	7880-11660
36	Assistant Agriculture Engineer	12000-16350
37	Superintendent Grade-I	7220-10660
38	Section Officer (F&A)	7220-10660
39	Law Officer	6400-10640
40	Map Officer	7220-11660
41	Private Secretary	7220-11660
42	Assistant Director (Tea)	7220-11660
43	Tea Chemist	7220-11660
44	Superintendent Grade-II	6400-10640
45	Senior Assistant	5800-9200
46	Senior Scale Stenographer	5800-9200
47	Junior Scale Stenographer	4020-6200
48	Stano Typist	3330-6200
49	Legal Assistant	6400-10640
50	Dark Room Assistant	3120-5160
51	Technical Assistant	6400-10640
52	Statistical Assistant	5800-9200
53	Agriculture Extension Officer	4020-6200
54	Clerk	3120-5160
55	Mechanic Grade-I	4400-7000
56	Junior Engineer	5800-9200
57	Head Draftsman	6400-10640
58	Circle Head Draftsman	7220-11660
59	Draftsman	5800-9200
60	Junior Draftsman/ Tracer	4020-6200
61	Surveyer	4020-6200
62	Truck Driver	3330-6200
63	Jeep Driver	3330-6200
64	Bulldoser-Cum-Heavy Tractor Operator	3330-6200
65	Mechanic-Cum-Tractor Driver	3330-6200
66	Mechanic Grade-II	4020-6200
67	Tractor Driver	3330-6200
68	Drilling Operator	3330-6200
69	Black Smith	3120-5160
70	Craft Teacher	4020-6200
71	Art Executive	5480-8925

72	Machine Operator	4020-6200
73	Compositer	4020-6200
74	Mechine Man	4020-6200
75	Welders	3120-6200
76	Electrician Grade-II	3120-6200
77	Driller	4400-7000
78	Air Compressor/ Generator Operator	3120-6200
79	Carpenter	3120-6200
80	Forman (Press)	5480-8925
81	Forman (Workshop)	5480-8925
82	Assistant Agricultural Development Officer	5000-8100
83	Laboratory Assistant	3120-5160
84	Plumber	3120-5160
85	Tea Promotion Officer	6400-10640
86	Tea Chemist	6400-10640
87	Junior Tea Chemist	4400-7000
88	Tea Inspector	4400-7000
89	Gastatner Operator	2820-4400
90	Jamadar	2720-4260
91	Daftri	2720-4260
92	Inker	2820-4400
93	Machine Cleaner	2520-4140
94	Belder	2520-4140
95	Peon	2520-4140
96	Chowkidar	2520-4140
97	Cleaner	2520-4140
98	Helper	2520-4140
99	Mali	2520-4140
100	Cook	2520-4140
101	Sweeper	2520-4140
102	Plough Man	2520-4140
103	Chainman	2520-4140
104	Rougher (Class-IV Post)	2520-4140
105	Messenger	2520-4140
106	Khalasi	2520-4140

- (xi) **Budget, allocated to each of the Department's agencies, indicating the particulars of all plans, proposed expenditures and reports on disbursements made. The budget availability is depicted in the following table for the year 2008-09.**

FINANCIAL OUTLAYS FOR ANNUAL PLAN, 2008-09

The State Plan outlays proposed for the year 2008-09 under major heads of development and flow to sub plans are tabulated below:

Head of Development	Plan Outlay 2007-08 Revised	Plan Outlay 2008-09	Flow to Sub Plans during 2008-09		
			TSP	SCP	BASP
A. State Plan					
1. Crop Husbandry	1122.03	1338.07	388.07	250.00	45.00
2. Dry Land Farming	-	-	-	-	-
3. Agr. Research & Education	2213.02	3615.00	15.00	900.00	-
4. Agriculture Marketing	-	-	-	-	-
5. Investment in Agricultural Financial Institutions	-	-	-	-	-
6. Biogas Development	-	-	-	-	-
7. Soil & Water Conservation	1378.39	1868.50	118.50	350.00	75.00
Total	4713.44	6821.57	521.57	1500.00	120.00
B. Special Central Assistance:					
i) T.S.P.	200.72	182.17	182.17	-	-
ii) S.C.P.	70.0	70.00	-	70	-
Total	270.72	252.17	182.17	70	-

- (xii) **Manner of execution of subsidy programmes, including the amounts allocated and the details of beneficiaries of such programmes:**

Incentives to the Farmers:

For the welfare of small and marginal farmers Government is providing various types of incentives/assistance to farmers of the State.

- A) The Government is providing 100% Transport Subsidy within the State on Fertilizers. In addition to this 50% subsidy on cost of Seeds and Agricultural Implements/Machinery is also being provided to SC/ST farmers at the free zed level of 2000-01. Apart from the above, the following incentives are being given to all the categories of farmers under macro management schemes and other centrally sponsored schemes.
1. Subsidy on cost of Wheat & Paddy seeds @ 25% limited to Rs.200/- per quintal.
 2. Subsidy on cost of Pulses seed @ 25% limited to Rs.800/- per quintal.
 3. Subsidy on cost of Maize seed(hybrid) @ 25% limited to Rs. 600/- per qtl.
 4. Training camps on seed treatment for 100 farmers @ Rs. 5000/- each.
 5. Tractor drawn implements such as Cultivator, Disc plough, Chisel plough, MB plough, Reversible plough etc @ 25% of the cost of any/all implements listed in this row subject to a maximum of Rs.10000/-
 6. Subsidy on power operated implements/machinery (all type) @ 25% limited to Rs.5000/- per unit.
 7. Subsidy on Animal drawn implements @ 25% limited to Rs.2000/- each.

8. Subsidy on manually operated implements @ 25% limited to Rs.400/- each.
9. Electric motors for operating sprinkler sets, chaff cutters etc 2HP @ 25% limited to Rs.1300/- and 3HP @ 25% limited to Rs.1600/-.
10. Chaff cutters(Gender friendly equipments) @ 25% limited to Rs.800/-.
11. Subsidy on seed bins @ 25%.
12. Subsidy on plant protection equipments @ 25% on power operated and hand operated limited to Rs.1200/- and 600/- each respectively.
13. Incentive on Vermi composting @ Rs.300/- per farmer for providing earthworms/ bio-fertilizers and Rs.50/- per farmer for publicity/stationery material.
14. Assistance on micro nutrients @ 25%.
15. Subsidy @ 50% on the cost of Micronutrients is being given to SC & ST farmers.
- B) On Nitrogenous Fertilizers, Urea & Ammonium Sulphate cost subsidy @ Rs.200/-MT, on Complex fertilizers NPK 12:32:16 (10:26:26) & NPK 15:15:15@ Rs.500/-MT and transport subsidy up to retail sale points(upto road head only) is being given.
- C) Biogas Models viz. Deenbandhu and Janta are being popularized on which subsidy @ Rs.3500/- per plant for 1 cubic meter and Rs.4500/- for above 1 cubic meter capacity is being given. Community biogas plants in schools hostels are installed for which subsidy @ Rs. 10,000 per plant is given.
- D) Assistance for irrigation wells (Shallow/ Bore wells) etc. @ 25% limited to Rs. 12,500/- for small and marginal farmers.
- E) Community water harvesting structures/check dams/tanks/ponds/ water conveyance system @ 50000/- per hect.
- F) Assistance for water lifting devices for small and marginal farmers @ 25% ranging from Rs. 8000/- to 1.00 lac. with minimum land holding of 0.08 Ha. and maximum of 2 Ha.
- G) Subsidy on small Tractors upto 35 PTOHP @ 25% limited upto Rs.30000/-per tractor is being provided. Besides, for Power Tillers of approved model, subsidy of 25% limited to Rs.20,000 per power tillers upto 8HP and Rs.30000 on 8BHP and above upto 15BHP is being provided.
- H) Sprinkler Irrigation subsidy @ 50% to SC/ST/SF/MF/Women farmers subject to maximum to Rs. 15,000/- per set and Rs. 10,000 for others.
- I) To save the farmers from losses to their crops due to natural calamities, the Govt. has introduced Rashtriya Krishi Bima Yojna from Rabi,1999-2000 in the State. Presently under this insurance scheme Wheat and Barley of Rabi Season and Maize, Paddy and Potato crops Kharif season have been covered. The scheme is optional for the non-loanee farmers. For loanee farmers availing crop loan for the insurable crop, this insurance scheme is compulsory. From Kharif, 2008 season, ginger crop of District Sirmour has also been taken up on Pilot basis for coverage under the crop insurance scheme. State and Government of India share the losses equally. From Rabi, 2007-08, the subsidy on premium has been raised from 10% to 50% to small and marginal farmers.
- J) Soil Testing is done free of cost.
- K) To disseminate improved farm technology, the demonstration plots on land free of cost besides organizing trainings to the farmers and distribution of Minikits free of cost.
- L) Training on Integrated nutrient management (50 training per district 25 in Kharif and 25 in Rabi @ 6000/- per training.
- M) Crop demonstration on soil test basis @ Rs.3000/- per hect.
- N) Demonstration on organic inputs at farmers fields @ Rs.1000/- per demonstration (0.1 hect.)
- O) Training of farmers on Crop Production Technology @ Rs.50/- per day for 100 farmers in Kharif and Rabi each(Rs. 5000/- per camp).
- P) Field demonstrations in Farmers fields @ Rs.1000/- per acre in Kharif and Rabi each.
- Q) Organizing 50 SHG of farmers for crop diversification (20 farmers/ groups) assistance @ Rs. 5000/- per group.
- R) Developing 50 project areas of 10 Ha. Each by SHG through diversified agriculture. Assistance for:-
 - i) Block Demonstration of 1 Ha. in each Kharif and Rabi @ Rs. 7500/- per Demonstration.
 - ii) Institutional Training to farmers in KVKSOU(20 farmers x 3 days x 10 Trainings)@Rs.50,000 each.

- iii) IPM Demonstration @ Rs. 17000/- each.
- iv) Interactive workshops of farmers with market/ inputs/ R&D agencies @ Rs. 2000/- each.
- v) Collection, grading, packing centre for community in the project area @ Rs. 2.00 lac.
- vi) Organic production and certification covering 2000 farmers through reputed NGOs.
- S) Assistance @ 25% i.e. Rs. 500/- per farmer upto certification level.

(xiii) Particulars of recipients of concessions, permits or authorizations granted by the Department:

No concessions and authorization are granted under any programme being implemented by the Department. However, the concession in the shape of subsidy is being given by the department as depicted at point No. xii.

(xiv) Details in respect of the information, available to or held by the Department reduced in an electronic form:

Information in respect of all the programmes / Schemes being implemented by the Department, Incentives available under various schemes, amount of subsidy under various schemes etc is available on departmental website i.e. www.hpagriculture.com

(xv) Particulars of facilities available to citizens for obtaining information:

Citizen Charter has already been prepared by the department and further circulated upto the Panchayat level. Besides, the Agriculture Information Service is available for the public to obtain the Agriculture related information. Toll free Kisan Call Centre has been set up in the State at Shimla to answer and solve the queries of the farmers.

(xvi) The names, designations and other particulars of the Public Information Officers.

As at given below;

Department of Agriculture, Himachal Pradesh

Directory of notified State Level/ District Level Appellate Authority/ Public Information Officer's (P.I.O.) and Assistant Public Information Officer's (A.P.I.O.) under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

A. State Level

A Appellate Authority						
S.No.	Name of the Appellate Authority	Designation	Complete Office Address	Office Telephone Number	Email Address	Jurisdiction under his control for which he will be rendering information to applicant
1	Sh. J.C.Rana	Director of Agriculture	Directorate of Agriculture, Himachal Pradesh, Krishi Bhawan, Shimla-5	0177-2830620 0177-2830618 (501)	krishinidesh@yahoo.com	N.A.

B Public Information Officer (PIO)						
S.No.	Name of the Public Information Officer(PIO)	Designation	Complete Office Address	Office Telephone Number	Email Address	Jurisdiction under his control for which he will be rendering information to applicant
1	Sh. H.R.Sharma	Joint Director of Agriculture	Directorate of Agriculture, Himachal Pradesh, Krishi Bhawan, Shimla-5	0177-2831263 0177-2830618 (502)	krishinidesh@yahoo.com	Department of Agriculture, H.P. State as a whole

C Assistant Public Information Officer (APIO)						
S.No.	Name of the Assistant Public Information Officer(APIO)	Designation	Complete Office Address	Office Telephone Number	Email Address	Jurisdiction under his control for which he will be rendering information to applicant
1	Sh. Aryadeep Rathore	Agriculture Information Officer	Directorate of Agriculture, Himachal Pradesh, Krishi Bhawan, Shimla-5	0177-2830618 (606)	krishinidesh@yahoo.com	Department of Agriculture, H.P. State as a whole

B. District Level

1. District Bilaspur:

S.No.	Name of the Public Information Officer/ Assistant Public Information Officer	Designation	Complete Office Address	Office Telephone Number	Jurisdiction under his control for which he will be rendering information to applicant
1	P.I.O.	Deputy Director of Agriculture	O/O. Deputy Director of Agriculture, Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh	01978-223415	Department of Agriculture, District as a whole
2	A.P.I.O.	District Agriculture Officer	O/O. Deputy Director of Agriculture, Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh	01978-223415	Department of Agriculture, District as a whole

2. District Chamba:

S.No.	Name of the Public Information Officer/ Assistant Public Information Officer	Designation	Complete Office Address	Office Telephone Number	Jurisdiction under his control for which he will be rendering information to applicant
1	P.I.O.	Deputy Director of Agriculture	O/O. Deputy Director of Agriculture, Chamba, Himachal Pradesh	01899-222206	Department of Agriculture, District as a whole
2	A.P.I.O.	District Agriculture Officer	O/O. Deputy Director of Agriculture, Chamba, Himachal Pradesh	01899-222206	Department of Agriculture, District as a whole

3. District Hamirpur:

S.No.	Name of the Public Information Officer/ Assistant Public Information Officer	Designation	Complete Office Address	Office Telephone Number	Jurisdiction under his control for which he will be rendering information to applicant
1	P.I.O.	Deputy Director of Agriculture	O/O. Deputy Director of Agriculture, Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh	01972-222502	Department of Agriculture, District as a whole
2	A.P.I.O.	District Agriculture Officer	O/O. Deputy Director of Agriculture, Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh	01972-222502	Department of Agriculture, District as a whole

4. District Kangra:

S.No.	Name of the Public Information Officer/ Assistant Public Information Officer	Designation	Complete Office Address	Office Telephone Number	Jurisdiction under his control for which he will be rendering information to applicant
1	P.I.O.	Deputy Director of Agriculture	O/O. Deputy Director of Agriculture, Palampur, Himachal Pradesh	01894-230528	Department of Agriculture, District as a whole
2	A.P.I.O.	District Agriculture Officer	O/O. Deputy Director of Agriculture, Palampur, Himachal Pradesh	01894-230528	Department of Agriculture, District as a whole

5. District Kinnaur:

S.No.	Name of the Public Information Officer/ Assistant Public Information Officer	Designation	Complete Office Address	Office Telephone Number	Jurisdiction under his control for which he will be rendering information to applicant
1	P.I.O.	District Agriculture Officer	O/O. District Agriculture Officer, Reckong Peo, Himachal Pradesh	01786-222364	Department of Agriculture, District as a whole
2	A.P.I.O.	Agriculture Development Officer (Information)	O/O. District Agriculture Officer, Reckong Peo, Himachal Pradesh	01786-222364	Department of Agriculture, District as a whole

6. District Kullu:

S.No.	Name of the Public Information Officer/ Assistant Public Information Officer	Designation	Complete Office Address	Office Telephone Number	Jurisdiction under his control for which he will be rendering information to applicant
1	P.I.O.	Deputy Director of Agriculture	O/O. Deputy Director of Agriculture, Kullu, Himachal Pradesh	01902-222215	Department of Agriculture, District as a whole
2	A.P.I.O.	District Agriculture Officer	O/O. Deputy Director of Agriculture, Kullu, Himachal Pradesh	01902-222215	Department of Agriculture, District as a whole

7. District Lahaul & Spiti:

S.No.	Name of the Public Information Officer/ Assistant Public Information Officer	Designation	Complete Office Address	Office Telephone Number	Jurisdiction under his control for which he will be rendering information to applicant
1	P.I.O.	District Agriculture Officer	O/O. District Agriculture Officer, Keylong, Himachal Pradesh	01900-222251	Department of Agriculture, District as a whole
2	A.P.I.O.	Agriculture Development Officer (Information)	O/O. District Agriculture Officer, Keylong, Himachal Pradesh	01900-222251	Department of Agriculture, District as a whole

8. District Mandi:

S.No.	Name of the Public Information Officer/ Assistant Public Information Officer	Designation	Complete Office Address	Office Telephone Number	Jurisdiction under his control for which he will be rendering information to applicant
1	P.I.O.	Deputy Director of Agriculture	O/O. Deputy Director of Agriculture, Mandi, Himachal Pradesh	01905-236926	Department of Agriculture, District as a whole
2	A.P.I.O.	District Agriculture Officer	O/O. Deputy Director of Agriculture, Mandi, Himachal Pradesh	01905-236926	Department of Agriculture, District as a whole

9. District Shimla:

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1	P.I.O.	Deputy Director of Agriculture	O/O. Deputy Director of Agriculture, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh	0177-2831558	Department of Agriculture, District as a whole
2	A.P.I.O.	District Agriculture Officer	O/O. Deputy Director of Agriculture, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh	0177-2831558	Department of Agriculture, District as a whole

10. District Sirmour:

S.No.	Name of the Public Information Officer/ Assistant Public Information Officer	Designation	Complete Office Address	Office Telephone Number	Jurisdiction under his control for which he will be rendering information to applicant
1	P.I.O.	Deputy Director of Agriculture	O/O. Deputy Director of Agriculture, Nahan, Himachal Pradesh	01702-222396	Department of Agriculture, District as a whole
2	A.P.I.O.	District Agriculture Officer	O/O. Deputy Director of Agriculture, Nahan, Himachal Pradesh	01702-222396	Department of Agriculture, District as a whole

11. District Solan:

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1	P.I.O.	Deputy Director of Agriculture	O/O. Deputy Director of Agriculture, Solan, Himachal Pradesh	01792-230734	Department of Agriculture, District as a whole
2	A.P.I.O.	District Agriculture Officer	O/O. Deputy Director of Agriculture, Solan, Himachal Pradesh	01792-230734	Department of Agriculture, District as a whole

12. District Una:

S.No.	Name of the Public Information Officer/ Assistant Public Information Officer	Designation	Complete Office Address	Office Telephone Number	Jurisdiction under his control for which he will be rendering information to applicant
1	P.I.O.	Deputy Director of Agriculture	O/O. Deputy Director of Agriculture, Una, Himachal Pradesh	01975-223082	Department of Agriculture, District as a whole
2	A.P.I.O.	District Agriculture Officer	O/O. Deputy Director of Agriculture, Una, Himachal Pradesh	01975-223082	Department of Agriculture, District as a whole

(xvii) Such other information as may be prescribed; and thereafter update these publications every year.

As shall be applicable from time to time.

-By Order-

(J.C.Rana)
Director of Agriculture-cum-
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Dated:

Copy forwarded to the following for information and necessary action;

1. The State Information Commissioner, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.
2. The Principal Secretary (Agriculture) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.
3. The Principal Secretary (A.R.) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.
4. The Divisional Commissioner, Shimla, Mandi, Kangra, Himachal Pradesh.
5. All the Head of Departments in Himachal Pradesh.
6. The Special Secretary (I.T.) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.
7. All the Managing Directors of Boards/ Corporations in Himachal Pradesh.
8. The Director, Information and Public Relation, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.
9. The Controller, H.P. Govt. Printing Press, Shimla-5 for publication in official Gazette, Shimla-5.
10. All the Deputy Commissioners in Himachal Pradesh.
11. All the Registrar of Universities in Himachal Pradesh.
12. The JDA's/ Veg. Spl./ DDA (P&M)/ Officer Incharges in the Directorate of Agriculture, Himachal Pradesh.
13. All the Controlling Officers in the Agriculture Department, Himachal Pradesh.
14. The Incharge, Information Technology Cell, Directorate of Agriculture, Himachal Pradesh for up-loading in the departmental website.
15. Notice Board.