

No.2/21/2013-M&J/Livelihood  
Government of India  
Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2017

To,

The Principal Secretaries / Secretaries / Commissioners  
Tribal Welfare Department, All States

**Subject: Revision of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Minor Forest Produce (MFP) in respect of the scheme titled "Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and development of Value Chain for MFP" – Regarding**

Sir/Madam

Ministry of Tribal Affairs had launched, in the year 2013-14, the scheme of "Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Development of Value Chain for MFP" as a social safety measure for the Minor Forest Produce gatherers, who are primarily members of Scheduled Tribe. The basic objective of the scheme is ensuring fair returns to the MFP gatherers mainly through minimum support price for identified MFP collected by them along with development of necessary infrastructure at local level. For the purpose of determining MSP, Ministry of Tribal Affairs is to make a onetime assessment of cost of collection for each produce. The price review could be carried out every three years based on revision in cost of collection. As per guidelines of the scheme, the modality for fixation of MSP for MFP stipulates that minimum support price is to be determined based on the baseline survey of price for each MFP, its cost of collection, cost of cleaning and primary processing, packaging and transportation cost for each stage. The Ministry will finally approve and announce state wise MSP for each MFP taken up for that state.

2. I am directed to refer to this ministry's letter of even number dated 31/10/2016 whereby the MSP of the ten items of Minor Forest Produce that had been included in the above mentioned scheme since its inception in the year 2013-14 had been revised along with some modifications in the scheme that had been brought in with the introduction of Fourteen (14) more MFP items, thus raising the total number of MFPs to Twenty Four (24) and making the scheme applicable throughout the country.

3. In the interregnum a detailed study of the ten MFP items which have been covered by the scheme since its inception was conducted and on the basis of reports thereof and after giving due consideration to the recommendations of the Pricing Cell constituted by the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd (TRIFED) this ministry has decided to announce the MSP of the ten pre-existing MFP items as under with immediate effect:

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S.No.	Name of MFP	Revised MSP (Rs. Per kg)
1	Tamarind (with seeds)	18/-
2	Wild Honey	150/-
3	Gum Karaya	108/-
4	Karanj Seed	18/-
5	Sal Seed	12/-
6	Mahua Seed	20/-
7	Sal Leaves	24/-
8	Chironji Pods with Seeds	93/-
9	Myrobalan	8/-
10 (A)	Rangeeni Lac	130/-
10(B)	Kusumi Lac	167/-

**It may, however, please be noted that these revised prices of MFP items as mentioned above are not to be given undue publicity in the poll going States.**

4.1 As the work studies with regard to the fourteen (14) newly introduced items have not been done on a scientific basis by M/S TERI, Ministry is not revising their MSPs at present. However, with regard to **Palash Flower** (the wet variety) whose MSP had been fixed at Rs.8/- per kg on 31.10.2016, the Ministry recommends that this item be removed from the list of MFPs as this commodity does not have any post-harvest shelf life and there are very few takers for the item. Hence, for the remaining 13 new MFPs introduced last year, the prices announced on 31.10.2016 will remain valid till further revision. MSP rate list **annexed**.

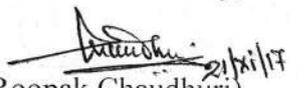
4.2 State variation at the rate of  $\pm 10\%$  on the MSP may be allowed by way of top-up on MGNREGA rate. However, this cost is to be borne by the state.

5.1 — The revised MSP shall be exercised with immediate effect. TRIFED shall keep watch on market prices and display on website besides sharing with the States to facilitate implementation of the scheme. It shall also endeavor to develop market linkage between state agencies (through State Nodal Department) and bulk users / buyers.

5.2. It is once again reiterated that **the revised prices of MFP items as mentioned above are not to be given undue publicity in the poll going States.**

6. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Roopak Chaudhuri)

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Copy for information and action as deemed appropriate to:

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2. The Principal Secretaries / Secretaries, Forest Department, All States

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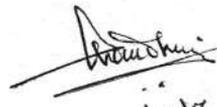
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6. PPS to JS (A)
7. PPS to JS & FA, MoTA
8. Director (IFD), MoTA
9. PS to Deputy Secretary (M&J), MoTA

  
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ANNEXURE

Rate list of MSP for MFPs (November, 2017)

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13	Puwad Seed (Chakramard)	8/-
14	Baheda	15/-
15	Hill Broom Grass	10/-
16	Shikakai	30/-
17	Guggul (exudate)	700/-
18	Bael (dried and without crust)	15/-
19	Nagarmotha	25/-
20	Shatavari (dried)	40/-
21	Madhunashini	35/-
22	Kalmegh	15/-
23	Tamarind (de-seeded)	40/-

  
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