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Another pro-farmer decision by State Government

**Farmers cultivating crop of Potato and Onion will receive assistance
worth Rs. 1 per kg and Rs. 50 per gunny bag**

- Dy. Chief Minister

Gandhinagar, Tuesday: Deputy Chief Minister Mr. Nitinbhai Patel said that this government has taken various farmer oriented decisions and paying subsidy worth crores of rupees to them by introducing various schemes. This government is providing maximum water for irrigation, sufficient electricity with cheaper rates and giving them guidance through modernize technology with organizing Krishi Mahotsav across the state. Furthermore, state government is allocating up to 80% to the farmers to make them more and more useworthy to drip irrigation system and get maximum produce with minimize usage of water. Whenever farmers could not able to get affordable rates, state government is purchasing their crop on MSP as well. State Government has also purchased crops such as cotton, groundnut and tur from farmers with cooperation of Union Government to provide them reasonable rates for their crops, he added.

Mr. Patel said that this year farmers have bumper production of potato and onions and with a view to assist them state government has implemented new scheme and also allocated Rs. 100 crore to provide assistance worth Rs. 1 per kg and Rs. 50 per gunny bag to farmers having crop of potato and onion. State government has implemented the new scheme to assist farmers while the total produce of potato is about 39 lakh metric tons and 10 lakh metric tons of onion across the state. A committee has been formed by Gujarat Chief Minister Mr. Vijay Rupani to assist farmers having produce of potato and onions across the state under chairmanship of Deputy Chief Minister Mr. Nitinbhai Patel which consist Agriculture Minister Mr. Chimanbhai Sapariya, Health Minister Mr. Shankarbhai Chaudhary, Minister of State for Agriculture Department Mr. Vallabhbhai Vaghasiya and Irrigation Minister Mr. Nanubhai Vanani, he added.

Mr. Patel further said that along with the above said assistance to the farmers whom restored their potato stock in cold storages, out of them if 600 gunny bags per farmers (approximately 300 quintal) potato have been sold within Gujarat, they will be benefitted Rs. 50 per gunny bag means will get assistance worth Rs. 1 per kg. If they sell the stock out of Gujarat, they will get additional assistance worth Rs. 1 as assistance for exporting out of the state. Thus state government has granted Rs. 60 crore for the liberal scheme to giving assistance to farmers on their goods of onion rather the completion of selling season. State government will provide assistance on the selling of potato and onion up to maximum 300 gunny bags (300 quintal) per farmer, he added.

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