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NOTIFICATION

Subject : Categories of land eligible for assistance under the National Mission on Edible Oils - Oil Palm (NMEO-OP)

Whereas, it is considered necessary to consolidate and restate the categories of land holding eligible for assistance under the National Mission on Edible Oils - Oil Palm (NMEO-OP), and to streamline the approval mechanism for identification of land for oil palm plantation in the State;

And whereas, the Cabinet, in its meeting held on 11th August, 2026, has observed that NMEO-OP and PM-KISAN are unrelated schemes, and that linking implementation of NMEO-OP with registration under PM-KISAN or receipt of PM-KISAN benefit as a pre-condition is not logical;

And whereas, the Cabinet has further reiterated that oil palm plantation may be undertaken in tea garden areas up to 5% of the total tea garden area, the same being a permissible non-tea activity under the relevant rules governing utilization of tea garden land;

Now, therefore, in supersession of all earlier Orders and Notifications issued by the Government of Assam on the subject of eligible land under NMEO-OP, which shall stand quashed, rescinded and superseded in their entirety with effect from the date of publication of this Notification, the following is hereby ordered :

1. Approval Mechanism

All land identified for oil palm plantation under NMEO-OP, including tea garden areas, shall be approved in the Meeting of the Government-notified District Project Management Team (DPMT) under the chairmanship of the concerned District Commissioner.

2. De-linking from PM-KISAN

Eligibility for assistance under NMEO-OP shall not be subject to registration of the farmer in the PM-KISAN database or to receipt of benefit under PM-KISAN, and no such condition shall be insisted upon by any implementing authority.

3. Eligibility

Farmers possessing any of the following categories of land holding already under their possession, shall be eligible for assistance under NMEO-OP:

- (i) Farmers holding land allotment certificates issued by the Revenue Officers of the Government of Assam, to the extent admissible under the Assam Land Policy, 2019. In areas falling under an Autonomous Council, allotment certificates issued by the competent authority of the Autonomous Council shall apply.
- (ii) Farmers cultivating NC land for a considerable period who are otherwise eligible for allotment of land patta under the Assam Land Policy, 2019, to the extent admissible under the said Policy.
- (iii) Persons who have previously paid Encroachment Fine (Bedakhali Jarimana) for encroachment upon Government land, who possess documentary evidence of such payment, and who are otherwise eligible for settlement of Government land under the Assam Land Policy 2019, to the extent admissible under the said Policy. Provided that encroachment fine documents shall not be acceptable in respect of VGR, PGR or any other Reserve forest area.
- (iv) Persons paying Touzi Bahira revenue who are otherwise eligible for settlement of Government land under the Assam Land Policy, 2019, to the extent admissible under the said Policy.
- (v) Persons holding permission to hold and cultivate Debottar land or Satra land, where such permission has been issued by the concerned authority, including the Debottar authority, Satradhikar or other Head of the institution, and a Certificate to that effect issued by the concerned authority is available for verification. In the case of tea garden land, such land shall be utilized by the tea garden authority for the specified purposes and within the limits prescribed under Gazette Notification No. LGL.193/2021/15, dtd. 14/10/2022.
- (vi) Persons undertaking organized special cultivation of herbal or medicinal crops on patta land, holding a Certificate issued by the Revenue Circle Officer on the basis of a Report from the concerned Land Record Assistant (LRA), to the extent admissible under the Assam Land Policy, 2019. In the case of Government land, the provisions of Clause 4 of the Assam Land Policy, 2019 relating to allotment of land for allied agricultural purposes in rural areas shall be suitably incorporated.
- (vii) Persons holding rights through inheritance, notwithstanding that formal mutation has not been effected in the land records. In such cases, the Revenue Circle Officer may cause the same to be verified through the LRA or Gaon Pradhan on the basis of Birth Certificates or other supporting evidence establishing rights over the land. This category shall apply to patta land only.
- (viii) Small tea growers, and commercial plantation and horticulture farmers, holding land documents and Certificates issued by the Revenue Circle Officer on the basis of a Report from the LRA, to the extent admissible under the Assam Land Policy, 2019.
- (ix) Farmers cultivating in permanent river islands (Char Chapori land) for a considerable period, as certified by the competent authority.
- (x) Any other person who does not possess land documents but is prima facie eligible for allotment of land under the Assam Land Policy, 2019, to the extent admissible under the said Policy.

4. Oil Palm Plantation in Tea Garden areas :

Oil palm plantation may be undertaken in tea garden areas up to 5% of the total tea garden area, the same being a permissible non-tea activity under the relevant Rules governing utilization of tea garden land, subject to approval of the DPMT.

This Notification shall come into force with effect from the date of issue.

Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Agriculture Department

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Copy to:

1. The PPS to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam for kind information.
2. The Joint Secretary, GoI, Oil Palm Division, DoA& FW, MoA& FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, for kind information.
3. The Principal Secretary, BTC Kokrajhar / KAAC Diphu / NCHAC Haflong, for kind information.
4. The Director of Agriculture, Government of Assam, for information and necessary action.
5. The Staff Officer of Chief Secretary, Assam, for kind information and necessary action..
6. The District Commissioners of all districts for information and necessary action.
7. The DAOs / SDAOs of all districts for information and necessary action.

E-signed

Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
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