

OPERATION GREENS SCHEME

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(Rs. in Crore)

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As per budget Announcement 2021-22, expanded operation greens scheme covers 22 perishables including shrimp.

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