



TEA BOARD  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY, GOVT. OF INDIA  
14, BTM SARANI, KOLKATA -700 001

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To

1. Producers' Associations as per attached List
2. R.O.s of the Board

**Sub: Orthodox Subsidy Scheme**

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform that Tea Board has recommended to the Government for continuation of the Orthodox Subsidy Scheme during the 12<sup>th</sup> Plan period. Approval of the Government is awaited. In the meanwhile, it is proposed to receive the applications for 2012-13 and disburse subsidy at the same rates that were applicable for XI plan period. In order to avoid delays in settling the claims, it has been decided to disburse subsidy through Zonal offices at Guwahati for Assam, Tripura and NE States, by Coonoor office for Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka. Applications will be received in H.O. Kolkata for payment of subsidy only in respect of West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal states.

This may be brought to the notice of all your member gardens and they may be advised to submit their claims to the nearest field office of the Board, and get the factory records verified by the Board's field officers. Secondly, it may further be advised that applicants are to submit a self declaration that their teas confirm to the EU specified MRL limits. This certification is mandatory, in the absence of which the claims for subsidy will not be admitted. Thirdly, regular submission of E-return at monthly interval is one of the prerequisites under the scheme. Non submission of the E-return alongwith the application will entail summarily rejection of the application.

In view of the above noted eligibility conditions, the application forms have been revised and are enclosed.

As in the past, applications for claim period January to June may be may be submitted during the July/August. However, for the current financial year the application for the first 6 months will be admitted up to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2012. For the claim period July to December, the application may be submitted during January-Feb 2013.

Encl: as stated

Yours faithfully,

(F. Banerjee)

Asst. Director of Tea Development