



**Most Urgent**

File No. N.14011/01/2018-NC-1  
Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Revenue  
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Room No. 48-c, North Block,  
New Delhi, 8 March, 2019

To

The Narcotics Commissioner,  
Central Bureau of Narcotics,  
Govt. of India, Ministry of Finance,  
19-The Mall Morar,  
Gwalior - 474006.

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for compliance  
15/03/2019*

*Rec (opium)*

*Do the needful*

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**Subject: Clarification regarding relaxation in opium policy-regarding**

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the opium policy for the crop year 2018-19 was notified vide notification number 02/2018 dated 28/09/2018.

2. I am also directed to inform you that with the approval of competent authority following relaxations for granting the license of opium cultivation in the opium policy for the **crop year 2019-20** have been allowed:

- (i) Relaxation to cultivators eligible for license to cultivate opium poppy in terms of Para 2A of the Opium Policy Notification dated 28.9.2018 may be extended to the cultivators delicensed in the crop year 2004-05 onwards **till crop year 2018-19** provided they fulfill the conditions stipulated in the Opium Policy Notification dated 28.9.2018
- (ii) Relaxations to the legal heirs of the cultivators who were eligible for the opium poppy license in terms of the Para 2D of the Opium Policy Notification dated 28.9.2018:-

3. The details in this regard will be notified in the notification of the opium policy for the crop year 2019-20 however in the meantime it is requested to issue necessary directions to the concerned offices/officers to take necessary action and also convey the same to the cultivators through appropriate measure.

Yours faithfully,

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