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No. Phil/SC/Dalle Khursani/2021-22

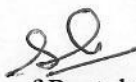
Dated at Kolkata – 700012, the 28.12.2021

Sanction of the competent authority is hereby conveyed to the release of a Special Cover on “ Dalle Khursani”, a ‘GI’ product, to be released on 31.12.2021(Friday) at Siliguri by the Postmaster General, North Bengal Region. The details are given below:

- a)The designs of the Special Cover and the Special Cancellation as approved by the competent authority are enclosed herewith and it is permitted to print 2000 (Two thousand only) pieces of the Special Cover strictly as per the design and specification approved by the competent authority.
- b)The sale price of the Special cover should not exceed @ Rs.20/- per piece excluding the cost of the postage stamp(either definitive or commemorative postage stamp) to be affixed on the cover and the amount realized from the sale of those covers will be deposited to the Government Account.
- c) The Special Cover should conform strictly to one of these three sizes : i) 11cm x 22 cm, ii) 13cm x 22 cm & iii) 16cm x 24.3 cm and paper should be Maplithos 176 GSM. The back side of the special cover should contain the logo of Department of Posts and the words “**Approved by: the Chief Postmaster General, West Bengal Circle, Department of Posts**” (also in Hindi version), with **Code No: - WB/36/2021**.
- d) Necessary action may be taken as per the existing Rules & Procedures of the Department regarding release of any Special Cover vide “The Handbook on Philately” and instructions issued in this regard time to time. 1000 (One thousand) Special Covers may be supplied to the ADG (Philately), Dak Bhawan, New Delhi as directed vide Directorate letter no.P-46/20/2021-Phil-DOP dated 02.8.2021.

It may kindly be ensured that **no sale of the said Special Cover takes place before the formal release on 31.12.2021(Friday)**.

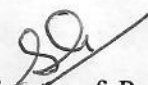
Encl:-As above


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- 1)The Postmaster General, North Bengal Region, Siliguri-734001 for information and necessary action.
- 2)The Director (Philately), Department of Posts, Dak Bhavan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi-110001 for kind information .
- 3) The Postmaster, Siliguri H.O., Siliguri-734001 for information and necessary action as per the existing Rules & Procedures of the Department regarding release of any Special cover vide "the Handbook on Philately" and instructions issued in this regard time to time. Further necessary action may be taken as per Dte./C.O. letter issued from time to time and also CO letter no.MM&PO/Phil/Misc/2019 dated 17.10.2019.
- 4)The ADPS(TO), C.O.,Kolkata-700012 for kind information and taking necessary action towards uploading the information in the website of Department.

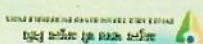

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विशेष आवरण SPECIAL COVER



डल्ले खुर्सानी
Dalle Khursani

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Azadi Ka
Amrit Mahotsav



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मुख्य पोस्टमस्टर जनरल, पश्चिम बंगाल सर्किल, डाक विभाग द्वारा अनुमोदित



Red Cherry Pepper, locally known as 'Dalle Khursani' in Sikkim, is well known for its unique flavor and high pungency. It is considered as one of the hottest chillies in the world. The crop belongs to the family Solanaceae and genus Capsicum. Plant grows up to 100-130 cm height under open field and 150-180cm height in green house condition. Each plant produces about 2.5-3.0kg fruits with about 500-1000 pods. The crop can be grown round the year under protected condition. Dalle Khursani is almost round cherry size and bright red when fully ripe. It is also grown in surrounding areas of Darjeeling and Kalimpong. In 2021 'Dalle Khursani' was granted the Geographical Indication certificate by Government of India. West Bengal Postal Circle would like to celebrate the essence of 'Dalle Khursani' by bringing out a Special Cover on it.

लाल चेरी मिर्च अपनी अनूठी महक एवं तेजी तीखेपन के लिए प्रसिद्ध है जिसे सिक्किम के स्थानीय लोग 'डल्ले खुर्सानी' कहते हैं। यह विश्व की सबसे तीखी मिर्चों में से एक है। यह सोलेनेसी और जीनस कैप्सिकम परिवार का पौधा है। यह पौधा खुले मैदान में 100-130 से मी. ऊंचाई तक और ग्रीन हाउस वातावरण में 150-180से. मी. ऊंचाई तक बढ़ता है। प्रत्येक पौधे में लगभग 2.5 कि. ग्रा. से 3 कि. ग्रा. तक मिर्चें एवं 500-1000 फलियां लगती हैं। संरक्षित स्थिति में इस फसल की खेती वर्ष भर की जा सकती है। डल्ले खुर्सानी का आकार प्रायः गोल चेरी की तरह होता है और पूरी तरह से पक जाने पर यह चटख लाल रंग की हो जाती है। इसे दार्जिलिंग और कलिम्पोंग के आस-पास के क्षेत्रों में भी उगाया जाता है। डल्ले खुर्सानी को वर्ष 2021 में भारत सरकार द्वारा भौगोलिक संकेत प्रमाण-पत्र प्रदान किया गया। पश्चिम बंगाल डाक सर्किल डल्ले खुर्सानी पर एक विशेष आवरण का लोकार्पण करके इसके जायके का जश्न मनाना चाहता है।

