



Purchase of Arhar, Urad and Moong at support price

Why in News?

- According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on July 20, 2022, the state government will **purchase tur, urad and moong from the farmers at support price** in the Kharif marketing year 2022-23.

Key Points

- The Department of Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare and Biotechnology has issued detailed guidelines for procurement of **Arhar, Urad and Moong crops at minimum support price** to all the Divisional Commissioners, Collectors along with Markfed and Mandi Board.
- The procurement of urad and moong will be done from October 17, 2022 to December 16, 2022 and arhar in the period from March 13, 2023 to May 12, 2023 .
- These will be procured through Chhattisgarh State Cooperative Marketing Federation Markfed. Arhar and urad will be procured from the farmers at the rate of Rs 6,600 and moong at the rate of Rs 7,755 per quintal.
- 25 agricultural produce mandis with storage facilities have been identified as procurement centres for procurement of arhar, moong and urad.
- Bhatapara, Gariaband, Mahasamund, Basna, Durg, Bemetara, Rajnandgaon, Khairagarh, Dongargarh, Gandai, Kawardha, Pandaria, Mungeli, Lormi, Sakti, Raigad, Ambikapur, Surajpur, Ramanujganj, Jashpur, Kondagaon, Keshalpur, Pashkal, The purchase of Arhar, Moong and Urad will be done at the support price in the agricultural market.
- Necessary physical resources, equipments and human resources at the procurement centre will be arranged by Markfed.
- After registering the farmer on the '**Unified Farmer Portal**', the available data will be given to NAFED. The data will be integrated by NAFED in the E-Samridhi portal for procurement and tagging of the above farmers will be done from the selected procurement centers. On the basis of the data, the payment will be made by purchasing it from the farmers. Field verification and random verification of farmers' land, area sown crop etc. will be done.
- In addition to ensuring the performance of FAQ product for general knowledge of the farmers in the procurement centres, it will also be ensured that arhar, urad and moong of FAQ standard are not sold at the procurement centre at less than the support price. Intensive monitoring of procurement of FAQ quality will be done.
- A state-level joint team will be constituted with NAFED for random sampling to oversee the procurement work of the procurement centre from preparation to collection. A printed receipt of the quantity purchased from the farmer, mentioning the amount due, will be signed by the earning centre in-charge and given to the farmer.
- It is worth mentioning that in the Kharif season 2022, the state has a target of cultivating Arhar in one lakh 40 thousand hectares, moong in 22 thousand hectares and urad in one lakh 75 thousand hectares. The production of 94,500 metric tonnes of tur, 12,100 metric tonnes of moong and 70,000 metric tonnes of urad is estimated by the Agriculture Department in the state.

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