



Paddy purchase Policy and formation of Uttar Pradesh Natural Farming Board | Uttar Pradesh | 15 Oct 2022

Why In News?

- In the meeting of the Uttar Pradesh cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on October 13, 2022, with the aim of providing relief to the farmers suffering from rains and floods, many exemptions for the agriculture sector including the announcement of 'Paddy purchase Policy' and the state Decision was taken to constitute 'Uttar Pradesh Natural Farming Board'.

Key Points

- According to Agriculture Minister Surya Pratap Shahi, the state cabinet has announced a new paddy purchase policy, under which the minimum support price for normal grade paddy has been fixed at Rs 2,040 per quintal and for A grade paddy at Rs 2,060 per quintal.
- The Agriculture Minister informed that the paddy purchase period is from October 1 to January 31 in Hardoi, Lakhimpur Kheri, Sitapur, Bareilly, Moradabad, Meerut, Saharanpur, Agra, Aligarh and Jhansi districts and Rae Bareilly, Unnao, Chitrakoot, Kanpur, Ayodhya, Basti. For Gorakhpur, Azamgarh, Varanasi, Mirzapur and Prayagraj, this period is from November 1 to February 28.
- He said that online registration is mandatory for paddy purchase and all purchases from farmers would be done on the basis of computer verified Khatauni and Aadhar card. Paddy will be procured by biometric authentication of farmers through electronic point of purchase machines at the purchasing centres.
- Paddy will be procured through 4,000 procurement centres of six agencies like food department, PCF, PCU, Mandi Parishad, UPS and Food Corporation of India.
- Paddy price will be paid by all purchasing agencies through PFMS portal of Government of India within 48 hours of purchase of paddy.
- The cabinet has also approved the proposal to prepare procurement policy for coarse cereals (maize and bajra) under the Price Support Scheme.
- Under this policy, the minimum support price of maize has been fixed at Rs 1,962 per quintal and the minimum support price of bajra at Rs 2,350 per quintal. The period for procurement of maize and bajra will be from October 15 to December 15.
- Maize Bulandshahr, Hapur, Badaun, Aligarh, Etah, Kasganj, Firozabad, Mainpuri, Hardoi, Unnao, Kanpur Nagar, Kanpur Dehat, Kannauj, Farrukhabad, Etawah, Auraiya, Gonda, Bahraich from Shravasti, Ballia, Jaunpur, Deoria, Sonbhadra and Lalitpur districts, while bajra from Bulandshahr, Bareilly, Badaun, Sambhal, Aligarh, Etah, Kasganj, Hathras, Agra It will be procured from Mathura, Mainpuri, Firozabad, Kanpur Dehat, Etawah, Auraiya, Ghazipur, Jalaun and Prayagraj districts.
- Farmer registration and online procurement have been made mandatory at all purchasing agencies for sale of maize and bajra. Maize and bajra will be procured from farmers on the basis of computer verified khatauni, photo identity proof and Aadhaar card.
- The Cabinet also approved the proposal for constitution of 'Uttar Pradesh Natural Farming Board' to increase the spread of natural farming in the state and to provide continuous guidance.
- The Chief Minister will be the chairman of the governing body of the Uttar Pradesh Natural Agriculture Board, while the Minister of Agriculture and Education will be the vice-chairman. Ministers of Finance, Agricultural Marketing, Horticulture and Food-processing, Animal Husbandry and Milk Development, Panchayati Raj and Rural Engineering, Cooperation, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises departments will be the members of the governing body.
- Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production Commissioner and Principal Secretary or Additional Chief Secretary of Livestock and Milk Development, Horticulture and Food Processing, Agricultural

Education, Agricultural Marketing, Panchayati Raj and Rural Development, Cooperation and Planning departments will be members.

Cabinet Approves New Textile and Apparel Policy | Uttar Pradesh | 15 Oct 2022

Why In News?

- On October 13, 2022, the Uttar Pradesh cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, approved a new textile and apparel policy to attract private investment in this sector and ensure development of all units to make the state a textile hub.

Key Points

- The cabinet has approved the Uttar Pradesh Textile and Garmenting Policy-2022 and has authorized the Chief Minister to make any amendments in it.
 - The main objective of the new policy is to establish the state as a global level garment manufacturing hub and sustainable development of all types of units related to the textile industry, such as handloom, powerloom, spinning, weaving, processing and apparel.
 - The specific objective of the policy is to attract private investment of Rs 10,000 crore in the textile and apparel sector, create employment opportunities for five lakh people, develop five textile and apparel parks in the private sector and increase the income of handloom and powerloom weavers.
 - Parliamentary Affairs Minister Suresh Khanna said that in the Textile and Apparel Policy-2022 of Uttar Pradesh, there was a provision to give special incentives to the units investing in the textile sector along with financial facilities in various items with the aim of attracting investments and generating employment.
 - The policy will be effective for a period of five years from the date of promulgation. The policy will increase investment in the state and create three lakh job opportunities.
 - Under the new policy, textile and textile units will be provided 25 percent capital subsidy on investment made on purchase of plant and machinery.
 - Apart from this, additional capital grant will be reimbursed at the rate of 5 percent to the textile and clothing units to be set up in Madhyanchal region of the state and at the rate of 10 percent to the textile and clothing units to be set up in Purvanchal and Bundelkhand. The capital subsidy limit will be limited to Rs 100 crore per unit.
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Uttar Pradesh Dairy Development and Milk Product Promotion Policy-2022 | Uttar Pradesh | 15 Oct 2022

Why In News?

- On October 13, 2022, in the meeting of the Uttar Pradesh cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the cabinet approved the 'Uttar Pradesh Dairy Development and Milk Product Promotion Policy-2022' by abolishing the Uttar Pradesh Milk Policy-2018.

Key Points

- The Uttar Pradesh Dairy Development and Milk Products Promotion Policy-2022 will be effective for five years from the date of notification.
- Its main objective is to encourage the establishment of milk-based industries in the state by simplifying the procedures for the convenience of investors. A capital investment target of Rs 5,000 crore has been set in the next five years to increase the level of milk processing.
- In the proposed policy, dairy units making new milk processing and milk products will be made available to various FPOs, cooperative institutions and private sector entrepreneurs of the state. Setting up of manufacturing units and capacity expansion (minimum 25 percent increase in existing capacity) has been proposed.
- Under the new policy, 1.25 lakh new jobs are estimated to be created directly and indirectly.

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