



# Important Decisions of the Council of Ministers Headed by CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan

## Why in News?

On August 22, 2023, a meeting of the Council of Ministers was held under the chairmanship of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan at Chief Minister's residence 'Samatva Bhawan', in which many important decisions were taken.

## Key Points:

- Approval has been given by the Council of Ministers to increase the allowances given to the officers and employees of the Police Department.
- The cabinet has given approval to increase the rate of dearness relief payable to state government pensioners/family pensioners from July 01, 2023 (payment month is August 2023). As per the decision of the Council of Ministers, the rate of dearness relief has been increased to 42% under the seventh pay scale and 221% under the sixth pay scale. With this decision, an estimated additional expenditure of Rs 410 crore is possible on the government.
- The cabinet has approved the creation of a new subdivision Amla in district Betul.
- The cabinet has decided to increase the honorarium of district panchayat members and district panchayat members. It has been decided to increase the honorarium of district panchayat members from Rs 4,500 to Rs 13,500 and that of district panchayat members from Rs 1,500 to Rs 4,500.
- It was decided by the Cabinet that procurement of gram, masur, mustard and summer moong & urad from registered farmers under the Rabi year 2022-23 (Marketing year 2023-24) and under the Government of India's Price Support Scheme in the next two years by the State Cooperative Marketing Federation Ltd.
- Further, under price Support Scheme in Rabi Year 2021-22 (Rabi Marketing Year 2022-23) the Government of India has accorded ex-post facto approval for procurement of 8 lakh 71 thousand 100 MT of gram and 1 lakh 67 thousand 130 MT of masur and 8 lakh 1 thousand 662.86 MT of gram within the targeted procurement target of 3 lakh 48 thousand 935 MT for mustard.

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