



Jharkhand Increases Loan Waivers Limit for Farmers

Why in News?

Recently, The **Jharkhand cabinet** decided to **widen the farm loan waiver scheme** by **increasing the limit of credit from Rs 50,000 to Rs 2 lakh**.

Key Points

- Under the [Jharkhand Agricultural Loan Waiver Scheme](#), loans worth Rs 1,900.35 crore of 4.73 lakh farmers were waived from the financial year 2020-21 to 2023-24.
- In another initiative, the **state government has decided to double the honorarium payment to traditional village heads**.
 - **Mankis and Parganaits** will be given an honorarium of **Rs 6,000 per month**, **Munda and Gram Pradhan** will be given **Rs 4,000** and other traditional **Gram Pradhans** will be given **Rs 2,000 per month**.

Jharkhand Agricultural Loan Waiver Scheme

- It was launched by the **Jharkhand state** government on **1st February 2021**.
- The objective of the scheme is to **relieve the farmers of the State of short-term agricultural credit from the debt burden**, improve the credit worthiness of the crop loan holder, ensure credit for the new crop, prevent migration of the farming community and strengthen the agricultural economy.
- The following are the required entitlements for the beneficiary of the loan waiver scheme:
 - The ryot farmers who do their own farming on their land.
 - Non-ryot farmers who do agricultural work on the land of other ryots.
 - The applicant should be a short-term crop loan holder and the crop loan should be issued from a qualified bank located in Jharkhand.
 - A farmer from the State of Jharkhand, who is above the age of 18 years and the farmer should have a valid Aadhaar number, Kisan Credit Card holder and a valid ration card holder.
 - Members holding the same crop loan from one family will be eligible. The applicant should have a standard crop loan account.