



Uttar Pradesh to Become Self-Sufficient in Pulse Production

Why in News?

Uttar Pradesh aims to be **self-sufficient in pulse production in 3-4 years**, with a 36% increase since 2016. The Government focuses on **Arhar, Urad, and Moong cultivation**.

Key Points

- During 2016-217 to 2023-2024, the production of pulses increased from 2.394 million metric tons to 3.255 million metric tons.
 - To increase pulse production 27,200 hectares of crop demonstrations will be organised under [the National Food Security Mission scheme](#).
 - The target is set for the **distribution of 31,553 quintals of seeds** and the **production of 27,356 quintals of certified seeds**.
- To **ensure fair prices for the produce of pulse crops in the market**, the government is also ensuring the procurement of all these crops at [Minimum Support Price \(MSP\)](#).
- According to the sources, **model pulse villages will be developed** in the leading pulse production **districts of Bundelkhand - Banda, Mahoba, Jalaun, Chitrakoot, and Lalitpur**.

National Food Security Mission (NFSM)

- [NFSM](#) is a **Centrally Sponsored Scheme launched in 2007** based on the recommendations of the agriculture sub- committee of [National Development Council \(NDC\)](#).
- The committee pointed out the **need for improved agricultural extension services, technology transfer and decentralized planning** as a result of which NFSM was conceptualized as a mission mode program.

Minimum Support Price (MSP)

- MSP is the **guaranteed amount paid to farmers** when the **government buys their produce**.
- MSP is based on the recommendations of the [Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices \(CACP\)](#), which considers **various factors such as cost of production, demand and supply**, market price trends, inter-crop price parity, etc.
 - CACP is an attached office of the **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**. It came into existence in January 1965.
- The [Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs \(CCEA\)](#) chaired by the Prime Minister of India takes the **final decision (approve) on the level of MSPs**.
- The MSP is aimed at ensuring **remunerative prices to growers for their produce** and encouraging [Crop Diversification](#).

