



# Farmers' 'Delhi Chalo' March

## Why in News?

Recently, the Union home ministry has deployed at least **50 companies of central paramilitary forces** in Haryana to deal with any law and order situation **during farmers' 'Delhi Chalo' agitation.**

## Key Points

- The Haryana police have asked farmers not to participate without permission in a planned march to the Capital.
  - According to the official sources, the Haryana government had requested the Centre to deploy at least **64 companies of central paramilitary forces, including the Rapid Action Force (RAF).**
- In **2020, the farmers protested against the three laws** which after one year of their protest on Delhi borders **were repealed in 2021.**
- Delhi Chalo was announced in **December 2023 demanding** the following:
  - A legal guarantee to [Minimum Support Price \(MSP\) for all crops.](#)
  - Implementation of [Swaminathan Commission's formula.](#)
  - Full debt waiver for farmers.
  - Pension for farmers and labourers.
  - Withdrawal of cases against farmers during the 2020-21 protest.
- **Farmers protest 2.0** is being **spearheaded by different unions.** After the 2020 protest, farmers' unions witnessed several factionalism.
  - More than 200 farmers' unions from across the country would participate in the 'Delhi Chalo' march.
- The **steps taken to not allow farmers to enter Delhi:**
  - [Section 144](#) has been imposed in Delhi.
  - The Haryana government sealed its borders with Punjab.
  - Barbed wire, cement barricades, nails on roads have been put.
  - Massive security at all entry points to the national capital.

## Minimum Support Price (MSP)

- It is the guaranteed amount paid to farmers when the government buys their produce.
- It is **based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACAP)**, which considers various factors such as cost of production, demand and supply, market price trends, inter-crop price parity, etc.

## Swaminathan Commission

- The Swaminathan Commission was **established in 2004.**
- Its report states that the government should raise the MSP to at least 50% more than the weighted average cost of production. It is **also known as the C2+ 50% formula.**
  - It includes the imputed cost of capital and the rent on the land (called 'C2') to give farmers 50% returns.

## Rapid Action Force (RAF)

- It is a specialised rapid reaction wing of the Central Reserve Police Force, **established in October 1992 to deal with riot and crowd control situations.**
- It is a zero-response force that can be deployed to crisis situations within a minimum time, instilling confidence, and security among the general public.

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