



Farmers 'Delhi Chalo' March

Why in News?

Recently, **farmers began their foot march to Delhi** from their **protest site at Shambhu border**, but was stopped by a multilayered barricading of Haryana Police.

- Under **Section 163** of the [Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita \(BNSS\)](#) Haryana Police cited a prohibitory order to the farmers.

Key Points

- **Farmers' Demand:**
 - Farmers are marching to demand a legal guarantee for [Minimum Support Price \(MSP\)](#) for crops from the Central government.
 - The protest is being led by farmers under the banners of **Samyukta Kisan Morcha (non-political)** and [Kisan Mazdoor Morcha](#).
- **Protest Actions:**
 - Farmers camping at Shambhu and Khanauri border points between Punjab and Haryana since 13th February 2024, were stopped by security forces on the way to Delhi.
 - Some protesters pushed down an iron mesh barricade set up by security personnel on the bridge over the [Ghaggar River](#).
- **Government Response in Haryana:**
 - The **Haryana government suspended mobile internet and bulk SMS services** in 11 villages of Ambala district from 6th to 9th December 2024.
- **Heightened Security Measures:**
 - Delhi Police has increased security at the city's border points in response to the ongoing farmer agitation.

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MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE (MSP)

The rate at which the govt. purchases crops from farmers; based on a calculation of at least 1.5x the cost of production incurred by the farmers

RECOMMENDED BY

Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) (recommends MSPs for 22 mandated crops and Fair and Remunerative Price for Sugarcane)

22 MANDATED CROPS

(14 Kharif, 6 Rabi and 2 Other Commercial crops)

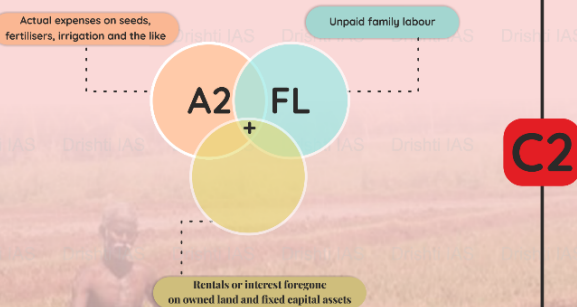
- 7 CEREALS** Paddy, Wheat, Barley, Jowar, Bajra, Maize And Ragi
 - 5 PULSES** Gram, Arhar/tur, Moong, Urad And Lentil
 - 7 OILSEEDS** Groundnut, Rapeseed/mustard, Soyabean, Sunflower, Sesamum, Safflower And Niger Seed
- RAW COTTON** **RAW JUTE** **COPRA**

MSP is the price at which the govt. is supposed to procure the mandated crops from farmers if the market price falls below it

FACTORS FOR RECOMMENDING MSP

- Cost of cultivation
- Demand-Supply situation for the crop
- Market price trends
- Inter-crop price parity
- Implications for consumers (inflation)
- Environment (soil and water use)
- Terms of trade b/w agri and non-agri sectors (ratio of farm inputs and outputs)

Considers both A2+FL and C2 costs



MSP has no statutory backing — a farmer cannot demand MSP as a matter of right

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