



Haryana to remove Shambhu border Barricades

Why in News?

Recently, **The Punjab and Haryana High Court** directed the Haryana government to remove barricades set up at the [Shambhu border near Ambala](#), where farmers have been camping since 13th February, 2024 in support of their demands.

Key Points

- The Haryana government had set up barricades on the Ambala-New Delhi National Highway in February.
 - It was after the [Samyukta Kisan Morcha \(non-political\)](#) and [Kisan Mazdoor Morcha](#) announced plans to march to Delhi, advocating for various demands, including a legal guarantee of [Minimum Support Price \(MSP\)](#) for crops.
- Since February, **farmers have been stationed at the Shambhu and Khanauri border points** between Punjab and Haryana **after their march was halted by security forces.**
 - However, the number of farmers at the site has steadily decreased over time.

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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)

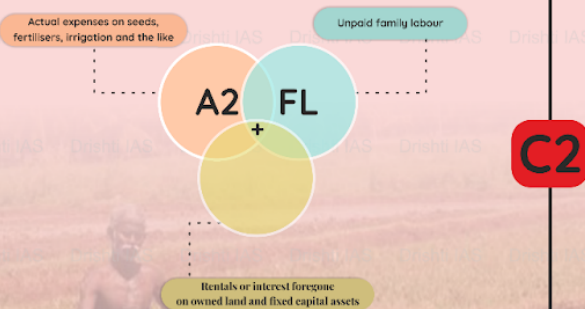
- 7 CEREALS** Paddy, Wheat, Barley, Jowar, Bajra, Maize And Ragi
- 5 PULSES** Gram, Arhar/tur, Moong, Urad And Lentil
- 7 OILSEEDS** Groundnut, Rapeseed/mustard, Soyabean, Sunflower, Sesamum, Safflower And Niger Seed
- RAW COTTON** **RAW JUTE** **COPRA**

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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