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Odisha Reduces Farmer's Scheme Assistance

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Why in News

Recently, the Odisha government has **reduced** the financial assistance given to farmers under the KALIA scheme **to Rs 4,000 per annum from Rs 10,000.**

- The reduction of financial assistance is the result of the merger of the Odisha government's **Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA) scheme** with the Centre's **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)**.
- The merger will help to **synergise the motto of both the schemes** and also to cover a larger population of farmers in the state.
- However, the landless cultivators in the state will continue to get assistance from KALIA i.e Rs 10,000 annually since they are **not considered under PM-KISAN.**

KALIA Scheme

- KALIA or "**Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation**" scheme was launched by the **Odisha Government** for **farmer's welfare.**
- All farmers are provided **Rs 10,000 per family** as assistance for cultivation.
- The scheme is being seen as a **viable alternative to farm loan waivers.**
- Small and marginal farmers, **landless agricultural households**, vulnerable agricultural households, **landless agricultural labourers and sharecroppers (actual cultivators) are eligible** under different components of the scheme.

PM-KISAN

- **PM-KISAN or Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi** is a central sector scheme launched in 2019.
- Under the scheme, ₹6,000 per year are provided to farmers holding cultivable land of **up to two hectares.**
- The scheme **does not cover tenants and landless farmers in the country.**

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