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The Haryana government has announced to include Bajra in the ‘Bhavantar Bharpayee Yojana’ from this kharif season. Earlier, 'Bhavantar Bharpayee Yojana' has also been implemented for horticulture crops in Haryana.

Key Points

- Haryana is the first state in the country to implement this scheme. 21 horticultural crops have been included in this scheme.
Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar informed that the following decisions have been taken regarding the purchase of bajra/millet-

- **Average market price and MSP of millet** Considering the difference of Bhavantar, after verification of the crop of the farmers registered on the 'Meri Fasal-Mera Byora' portal, the farmers found genuine will be given Rs 600 per quintal on the average yield.

- **The minimum support price for bajra has been fixed at Rs 2250 per quintal**, while in neighboring states - Rajasthan and Punjab, this time also no MSP is allowed for bajra and it seems that they will not buy Bajra this time as well.

- It has been decided to compensate only those farmers of Haryana state who have registered on 'Meri Fasal-Mera Byora' portal for buying Bajra. To maintain the yield price, the government agency will buy 25 percent of the produce at the market price.

- In Kharif season 2021, 2 lakh 71 thousand farmers have registered on 'Meri Fasal-Mera Byora' portal for millet or bajra. Out of this, about 8 lakh 65 thousand acres of land has been verified. As soon as the procurement starts, Rs 600 per quintal will be paid according to the average yield through DBT in the accounts of the farmers.

- In this season, the government will purchase five crops at the minimum support price. In Kharif crops, in addition to millet, the purchase of moong, maize and paddy will start from October 1 and the purchase of groundnut will start from November 1.

- Apart from this, the state government is also going to procure tur, urad and sesame for the first time, which will start from December 1.

- Farmers are being encouraged to grow crops like oilseeds and pulses like moong, tur, castor, groundnut in place of millet. A grant of Rs 4,000 per acre will be given to the farmers who sow alternative crops in place of bajra and reduce the total production of bajra.

- In the state, 86 procurement centers have been set up for the purchase of millets, 38 for moong, 19 for maize and 7 for groundnut. 199 procurement centers have also been set up for the purchase of paddy.