

## So far, the Figure of Paddy Procurement in the State has Crossed 94.57 Lakh Metric Tonnes

## Why in News

A new record has been set for purchasing 94.57 lakh metric tonnes of paddy in the current season of procurement of paddy on support price in Chhattisgarh till January 31, 2022. In the last season 2020-21, 92.803 lakh metric tonnes of paddy was procured as of today.

## **Key Points**

- It is noteworthy that last year till date 20.54 lakh farmers had sold paddy, whereas this year paddy has been purchased from 21.38 lakh farmers. So far, Rs 17,906.33 crore has been released to farmers under a bank linking system in lieu of paddy purchase.
- Keeping in view the demand and need of the farmers, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has decided to extend the date of purchase of paddy by one more week for the convenience of the farmers. Now paddy will be procured from registered farmers till February 7.
- The state government has set a target of purchasing 105 lakh metric tonnes of paddy from more than 24 lakh farmers this year. Till now 54.99 lakh metric tonnes of paddy has been lifted by the millers through DO and TO.
- The state of Chhattisgarh has also created a new record in the matter of depositing rice in the central pool. So far 14.46 lakh metric tonnes of quality rice has been deposited in the central pool. These include 8.03 lakh metric tonnes of rice stored in the Food Corporation of India and 6.42 lakh metric tonnes in the Civil Supplies Corporation. On the other hand, Chhattisgarh has to deposit 61.65 lakh metric tonnes of Arva rice in the central pool this year.
- It is noteworthy that the procurement of paddy from farmers on support price has started from December 1, 2021 in the state of Chhattisgarh. A record more than 24 lakh farmers have registered for selling paddy this year. The registered paddy area is also more than 30 lakh 15 thousand hectares.

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