



Agriculture Schemes worth Rs.159 crore Approved

Why In News?

- On July 21, 2022, a meeting of the State Level Approval Committee was held under the chairmanship of Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal, in which projects worth Rs.159 crore were approved.

Key Points

- The Chief Secretary said that approval has been given in the meeting of the approval committee for the schemes being implemented to make agriculture a profitable economic activity through promotion of agricultural trade and entrepreneurship, to reduce the risk of farmers of the state.
- The implementation of these schemes will help in developing high-tech of agriculture and increase the income of the farmers.
- The Chief Secretary approved an incentive of Rs.2400 per acre to maize growing farmers in the state and Rs.3600 per acre for pulses crops. This will give a boost to oilseeds and pulses crops in the state.
- Apart from this, Rs 38.50 crore has been approved for crop diversification, so that farmers can strengthen their economic condition by adopting crop diversification in addition to traditional farming.
- For crop diversification, crop diversification schemes will be implemented in 50,000 acres of land to promote dench, maize and pulses crops in 10 districts of the state.
- He said that changing the crop cycle will also help in preventing serious exploitation of ground water and improve the soil health. He said that water conservation works should also be increased so that the underground water level can be improved.
- The Chief Secretary said that a portal has been made to provide relief to the farmers of the state from the problem of water logging. Farmers can voluntarily get drainage done from their agricultural land by uploading it on the portal. This year a target has been set to get rid of water logging problem of 20 thousand acres of farmers of Jhajjar, Rohtak, Sonapat.
- He informed that soil testing is being done under the Soil Health Card scheme and farmers are being motivated to use fertilizers, seeds etc. according to the quality of the land. For this 100 soil testing laboratories are being operated. So far 25 lakh samples have been taken through them and training is being given to farmers, farmer assistants. Along with this, demonstration plants are also being set up through self-help groups.