



Draft Haryana Ex-Situ Management of Paddy Straw Policy-2022

Why In News?

- On September 19, 2022, Haryana chief secretary Sanjeev Kaushal has prepared a draft Haryana ex-situ management of paddy straw policy-2022 by the New and Renewable Energy Department to completely curb crop residue burning incidents in the state and ensure proper management of stubble.

Key Points

- The final approval to the draft Haryana Ex-Situ Management of Paddy Straw Policy-2022 will be given by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar.
- The Chief Secretary said that the Haryana Ex-Situ Management of Paddy Straw Policy-2022 aims at stubble-based biomass, power projects, industries, compressed biogas plants, waste-to-energy plants, brick kilns, A conducive environment has to be created to attract investment in packaging materials etc. Along with this, farmers should be encouraged to cut, make and store stubble in their fields and to facilitate it to be sold for use in various projects.
- Through this policy, a link will be established between farmers and industries / gaushalas / users for demand and supply management of crop residue. Also, emphasis will be laid on the use of stubble in power plants, industrial boilers, brick kilns or any other industrial, commercial or institutional establishments.
- Promotion of Research and Development (R&D) in new technologies is also one of the main objectives of this policy.
- Various financial incentives have also been provided in the draft of this policy to promote the use of power projects, CBG plants, ethanol and other biofuels in the state.
- The Chief Secretary said that district wise mapping strategy for stubble demand has also been included in the policy.
- He said that continuous work is being done by the Agriculture Department to make farmers aware and encourage for crop residue management in the state. Baling units (Hay-rake, Shrub Master and Straw Baler) are being provided by the department to farmers under individual category at 50 percent subsidy and for opening customer hiring centers at 80 percent subsidy.

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