



Council of Ministers' Meeting

Why in News

- On September 28, 2021, a meeting of the State Council of Ministers took place.
 - In the meeting, along with the decision regarding handing over of the managerial work of 7 nutritional food plants from **Madhya Pradesh Agro Industries Development Corporation Limited** to the **Federations of Women Self-help Groups** formed under **Madhya Pradesh State Livelihood Forum**, some other decisions were also taken. .

Key Points

- It is noteworthy that in March 2018, the decision of setting up 7 THR plants was taken by the Government of Madhya Pradesh.
 - Its purpose was to do the work of providing THR for pregnant / lactating mothers, children of 6 months to 3 years and adolescent girls in the Anganwadis of the state by the Federation of Self-Help Groups.
- In view of the above decision, plants were set up at **Dewas, Dhar, Hoshangabad, Mandla, Sagar, Shivpuri and Rewa**. Ready to Eat **Take Home Ration (THR)** is being provided from all these plants in all the districts of the state (except the district of Bhopal division). The THR production and delivery work was entrusted to the Federation of Self-Help Groups formed by the State Livelihood Forum.
- The cabinet has decided to constitute a **state level committee under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary** for the determination of reserve price/offset price for the sale of paddy, determination of tender process and approval of the rates received in the auction.
- The cabinet decided to ratify the formation of '**Madhya Pradesh Backward Classes Welfare Commission**' constituted to study their social, economic and educational status with special reference to the backward classes in the state, to submit necessary suggestions and recommendations to the state government.
- The cabinet approved amendments to the **Madhya Pradesh Sand (Mining, Transport, Storage and Trade) Rules, 2019**. According to the decision-
 - Tenders will be floated by forming more than one cluster in a large district (high volume of sand).
 - The initial base price (offset price) will be determined by the product of Rs.250 and the quantity of sand tendered.
 - After the publication of the sand group's tender from the state level, all the process of tender (e-tender) will be decentralized from the district level and contract with the sand contractor will be done at the district level.
 - The contract period of the sand group will be fixed in June 2023.
- The cabinet decided to construct '**Khel Gram**' with all facilities of international level **at village Satgarhi, Bhopal** through a public-private partnership.

