

## Chhattisgarh Tops in the Collection of Minor Forest Produce

## Why in News

According to the recently released data of <u>'The Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India</u> (TRIFED)', during the current financial year 2021-22, during the first quarter month of April to June, Chhattisgarh is the first place in the entire country in the purchase of minor forest produce at minimum support price.

## **Key Points**

- According to the data released by TRIFED, during this period in the state 27,7958 quintals of minor forest produce worth Rs.80 crore 12 lakh have been purchased at the minimum support price, which is 88.36 percent of the total collected minor forest produce worth Rs.93 crore in the country during this period.
- Of these, 113614 quintals of tamarind (including seeds) worth Rs 40.90 crore and 1,37,946 quintals of sal seed worth Rs 27.59 crore have been collected. Similarly, 6,595 quintals of flower tamarind worth Rs 4.15 crore, 2390 quintals of chironji kernels worth Rs 2.92 crore and 10,493 quintals of Bahera worth Rs 1.78 crore are included.
- During this, Mahul Patta, Nagarmotha, Bhelwa, Bahera Kacharia, Dhavai Phool (dry), Harra Kacharia, Puwad (Charota), Bell Pulp, Satavar (Dry), Safflower Seed, Flower Broom, Rangini Lac, Van Tulsi, Flower Tamarind, Jamun Seeds (dry), Van cumin, Tamarind seed, Amla seedless, Kusumi lac, Kullu gum, Mahua seed, Karanj seed and Bybuding have been collected.
- Apart from this, collection of Patal Kumhra (Bedari tuber), Tikhur, Sawai grass, Korea bark, Chhind grass, Amla (raw), thorn broom, Kutz bark, Adusa leaf, Indrajou seed, Safed musli, Palash flower etc. have also been collected.
- It is worth mentioning that at present 52 minor forest produce are being procured in the state at minimum support price. These 52 minor forest produces include Sal seed, Harra, Tamarind seed, Chironji kernels, Mahua seed, Kusumi lac, Rangini lac, Kal Megh, Bahera, Nagarmotha, Kullu gond, Puwad, Bel guda, honey and broom, Mahua flower (dry), Jamun Beej (dry), Kaunch Beej, Dhavai Phool (dry), Karanj Beej, Baybuding and Amla (with seeds) and Phool Tamarind (seedless), Giloy and Bhelwa, Forest Basil seed, Forest Cumin Seed, Tamarind Seed, Bahera Kacharias, Harra Kacharias and Neem Seeds.
- Similarly, kusumi seed, reetha fruit (dry), shikakai phalli (dry), satavar root (dry), cashew kernels, malkangani seed and mahul leaf, Palas (flower), Safed Musli (dry), Indrajou, Patal Kumhra, and Kutaj (bark), Ashwagandha, Amla raw, Sawai grass, broom, Tikhur, Behan lac-Kusmi, Behan lac-rangini, Bel (raw), and berries (raw).
- Apart from the support price, additional incentive money is also being given by the state government on procurement of Kusmi Lakh, Rangini Lakh and Kullu Gond.

