



Farmers 'Delhi Chalo' March

Why in News?

Recently, **farmers began their foot march to Delhi** from their **protest site at Shambhu border**, but was stopped by a multilayered barricading of Haryana Police.

- Under **Section 163** of the [Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita \(BNSS\)](#) Haryana Police cited a prohibitory order to the farmers.

Key Points

- **Farmers' Demand:**
 - Farmers are marching to demand a legal guarantee for [Minimum Support Price \(MSP\)](#) for crops from the Central government.
 - The protest is being led by farmers under the banners of **Samyukta Kisan Morcha (non-political)** and [Kisan Mazdoor Morcha](#).
- **Protest Actions:**
 - Farmers camping at Shambhu and Khanauri border points between Punjab and Haryana since 13th February 2024, were stopped by security forces on the way to Delhi.
 - Some protesters pushed down an iron mesh barricade set up by security personnel on the bridge over the [Ghaggar River](#).
- **Government Response in Haryana:**
 - The **Haryana government suspended mobile internet and bulk SMS services** in 11 villages of Ambala district from 6th to 9th December 2024.
- **Heightened Security Measures:**
 - Delhi Police has increased security at the city's border points in response to the ongoing farmer agitation.

MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE (MSP)

The rate at which the govt. purchases crops from farmers; based on a calculation of at least 1.5x the cost of production incurred by the farmers

RECOMMENDED BY

Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) (recommends MSPs for 22 mandated crops and Fair and Remunerative Price for Sugarcane)

22 MANDATED CROPS

(14 Kharif, 6 Rabi and 2 Other Commercial crops)

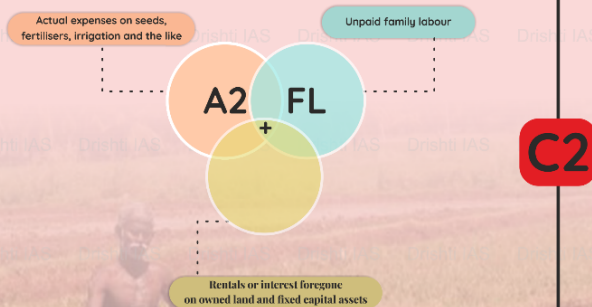
7	CEREALS	Paddy, Wheat, Barley, Jowar, Bajra, Maize And Ragi
5	PULSES	Gram, Arhar/tur, Moong, Urad And Lentil
7	OILSEEDS	Groundnut, Rapeseed/mustard, Soyabean, Sunflower, Sesamum, Safflower And Niger Seed
	RAW COTTON	
	RAW JUTE	
	COPRA	

MSP is the price at which the govt. is supposed to procure the mandated crops from farmers if the market price falls below it

FACTORS FOR RECOMMENDING MSP

- ▶ Cost of cultivation
- ▶ Demand-Supply situation for the crop
- ▶ Market price trends
- ▶ Inter-crop price parity
- ▶ Implications for consumers (inflation)
- ▶ Environment (soil and water use)
- ▶ Terms of trade b/w agri and non-agri sectors (ratio of farm inputs and outputs)

Considers both A2+FL and C2 costs



MSP has no statutory backing — a farmer cannot demand MSP as a matter of right



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