

Haryana Prepares for Rabi Crop Procurement

Why in News?

Haryana Government has set an **ambitious target** of procuring **75 lakh metric tonnes (MT)** of wheat for the **Rabi marketing season 2025-26**.

A cash credit limit of over ₹6,653 crore has already been approved by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to facilitate procurement.

Key Points:

- Haryana is expecting a bumper wheat production this Rabi season, prompting the state government to enhance procurement arrangements.
- The Chief Minister has instructed **marketing board officials** to construct large sheds in vacant areas of mandis to accommodate future needs.
- The procurement responsibilities have been divided among different agencies:
 - 30% by the Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs Department
 - 40% by HAFED (Haryana State Co-operative Supply and Marketing Federation Limited)
 - 20% by Haryana State Warehousing Corporation
 - 10% by Food Corporation of India
- Haryana contributes around 25% of the wheat to the central pool and ranks second in wheat production in India.
- A total of 415 mandis will be operational for wheat procurement, 25 for barley, 11 for gram, 7 for lentils, 116 for mustard, and 17 for sunflower.
- The minimum support prices (MSP) for various Rabi crops have been fixed as follows:
 - Wheat: ₹2,425 per quintal
 - Barley: ₹1,980 per quintal
 - Gram: ₹5,650 per quintal
 - Lentil: ₹6,700 per quintal
 - Mustard: ₹5,950 per quintal
 - Sunflower: ₹7,280 per quintal
- The Chief Minister has instructed all deputy commissioners to form teams for monitoring the procurement process to ensure smooth and efficient operations.

Minimum Support Price

- About:
 - MSP is the guaranteed amount paid to farmers when the government buys their produce.
 - MSP is based on the recommendations of the <u>Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP)</u>, which considers various factors such as <u>cost of production</u>, <u>demand and supply</u>, <u>market price trends</u>, <u>inter-crop price parity</u>, etc.
 - CACP is an attached office of the **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**. It came into existence in **January 1965**.
 - The <u>Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)</u> chaired by the <u>Prime Minister</u> of India takes the final decision (approve) on the level of MSPs.
 - The MSP is aimed at ensuring remunerative prices to growers for their produce and

encouraging **Crop Diversification.**

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