



Centre Extends Deadline to Procure Soybean

Why in News?

The Union Agriculture Ministry has decided to **extend the deadline for procuring [soybeans](#)** from **Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Telangana**.

Key Points

- **Extension of Soybean Procurement Deadline:**
 - Total soybean procurement across all States has **reached 13.68 lakh tonnes**, compared to the target of 33.60 lakh tonnes.
 - The Ministry attributed the decrease in procurement to the State governments, stating they are responsible for making procurement arrangements.
- **Review Meeting on Agricultural Issues:**
 - The Agriculture Minister chaired a review meeting with senior officials to **discuss key [agriculture-related issues](#)**.
 - Topics included **farm produce management, marketing of [agri-products](#), import-export dynamics, and [weather conditions](#)**.
 - He emphasized holding **periodic meetings with State Agriculture Ministers to address agricultural challenges**.

Soyabean Crop

- Soyabean is a **[Kharif crop](#)** in India.
- Soybean (Glycine max) is the world's most important seed legumes which contributes **25% to the global edible oil**, about two third of the world protein concentrate for livestock feeding and is a **valuable ingredient in formulated feeds for [poultry](#) and [fish](#)**.
- It is predominantly grown as a rainfed crop in Vertisols and associated soils with an average crop season rainfall of 900 mm.
- **Major Producing States in India:** Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.