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## Three Years of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)

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11.78 Crore farmers benefitted

Rs 1.82 lakh crore released till 22 February 2022

Rs 1.29 lakh crore released during Covid 19 pandemic

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"The PM Kisan Samman Nidhi has been a great support to the farmers of India. Nobody could imagine earlier that there would be timely instalment every time, transfer of thousands of crores of rupees every year without any middleman or commission. The Kisan Samman Nidhi is proving very handy for their small expenses. Small farmers are buying good quality seeds, using good manure and equipment from this amount."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

#### Introduction<sup>1</sup>

Launched with the vision of transforming India's agriculture sector into **Aatmanirbhar Krishi**, the **PM-KISAN Yojana** completed its three successful years on 24 February 2022.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) from Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh on 24 February 2019 to supplement financial needs of land holding farmers. Under the scheme Rs. 2000 is credited to the bank accounts of selected beneficiary farmers. Speaking on the occasion, PM Modi had said that through this scheme, Rs. 75,000 crore



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1566145

will be transferred to farmers' accounts every year.

# Aims and Objectives of the Scheme<sup>2</sup>:

- The PM-KISAN scheme aims to supplement the financial needs of the Small and Marginal Farmers (SMFs) in procuring various inputs to ensure proper crop health and appropriate yields, commensurate with the anticipated farm income at the end of each crop cycle.
- This would also protect them from undue reliance on moneylenders for meeting such expenses and ensure their continuance in the farming activities.

## **Salient Features of PM-KISAN**<sup>3</sup>:

➤ The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme is a Central Sector Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) Scheme.

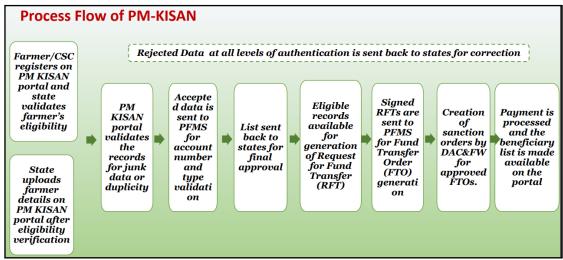


- ➤ Under the scheme financial assistance of **Rs.6000** per annum is provided to all landholding farmer families across the country, subject to certain exclusion criteria relating to higher income strata, to enable them to take care of expenses related to agriculture and allied activities as well as domestic needs.
- ➤ The amount is transferred in three four-monthly installments of Rs. 2000 each, directly into the bank accounts of the beneficiary farmers identified by the State/UT Governments.
- ➤ Payment is done on the basis of Aadhaar seeded data of beneficiaries, except for the State/UTs of Assam, Meghalaya, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, which have been given exemption in this regard upto 31 March, 2021.
- ➤ Definition of family for the scheme is husband, wife and minor children.
- > State Government and UT administration are responsible for identifying the farmer families which are eligible for support as per scheme guidelines.
- $\triangleright$  The scheme has been effective from <u>1.12.2018</u>. The cut-off date for identification of beneficiaries with regard to their eligibility is 1.2.2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://agricoop.nic.in/sites/default/files/Web%20copy%20of%20AR%20%28Eng%29 6.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleseDetailm.aspx?PRID=1705519

- ➤ Total number of beneficiaries to be covered under the scheme is about 14 crore, based on estimates of the Agriculture Census <u>2015-16</u>.
- ➤ Under the PM-KISAN Scheme, funds are not allocated and sanctioned State-wise.
- An exclusive web-portal <u>www.pmkisan.gov.in</u> has been launched for the Scheme.
- ➤ The scheme was initially meant for small and marginal farmers having landholding upto two hectares but scope of the scheme was extended to cover all landholding farmers with effect from 01.06.2019.<sup>4</sup>



#### **Source**

## Scheme Exclusion<sup>5</sup>

Beneficiaries of higher economic status shall not be eligible for benefit under the scheme. Or further details, <u>click here.</u>

# Alternative Implementation Mechanisms for Some States<sup>6</sup>

For North Eastern and some other States with community landholding, alternate mechanism for eligibility of farmers has been devised. To know more, click here.

### **Initiatives under PM-KISAN**<sup>7</sup>

- \* Farmers' Corner added to the portal with following facilities:
  - > Self-Registration by farmer
  - > Aadhaar correction
  - ➤ Beneficiary Status
- Common Service Centres across the country enabled to provide direct services to farmers for Registration, Correction of records and Status verification
- ❖ Data Analytics on Public Financial Management System (PFMS) invalidated data being done at central level to remove discrepancies.

<sup>4</sup> https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=1800851

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> <u>https://pmkisan.gov.in/#SchemeExclusion</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/userfiles/Press%20conference 24-Feb-2020.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/userfiles/Press%20conference 24-Feb-2020.pdf

- ❖ 24x7 Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) based help line launched for status verification. Farmers can dial 1800-11-5526 or 155261 to know the status of their application.
- ❖ Data of more than 84% of the registered beneficiaries is Aadhaar verified
- ❖ PM KISAN Mobile App to be launched for direct services to beneficiaries
- \* "National Farmers Welfare Program Implementation Society" society has been formed to further the implementation of the scheme.

### Technological & Process Advancements done in the Scheme<sup>8</sup>

- **Self-registration Mechanism**: Process of self-registration of beneficiaries has been made simple and easy through mobile app, **PM KISAN portal** and walk-ins via Common Service Centres in order to give the maximum benefit to the farmers.
- Enhanced Recovery Mechanism: In case of ineligible beneficiary, recovery mechanism has been made very smooth and transparent which doesn't require Demand Draft or physical cheque to be submitted by the state. The process includes auto transfer from state nodal department's account to central government account which made this process very efficient and less time consuming.
- **Grievance Redressal & Helpdesk**: In order to address the issues and problems faced by the beneficiaries, a holistic grievance redressal mechanism has been envisaged. This

involves setting up of a central Project Management Unit of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana at the Centre which performs the overall coordination between the a11 stakeholders to streamline the processes. A centralized helpdesk has also been introduced in order to support the beneficiaries regarding any issues faced during the registration process or for any other query.



Through this initiative about 11.34 lakh grievances have been received from farmers and more than 10.92 lakh grievances have been redressed by the concerned state authorities.

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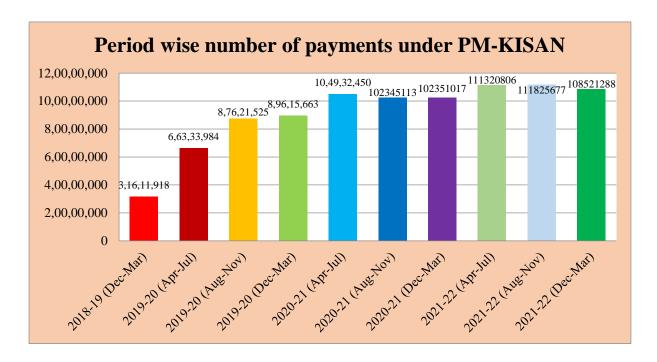
- Physical Verification Module: In order to maintain the authenticity and validity of the scheme, a mandatory physical verification of 5% beneficiary every year is being done as per the provisions laid down in the scheme. With the help of Physical Verification Module, now the selection of beneficiary for physical verification has been totally automated and no manual intervention is required. A separate module has been introduced for the validation of 10% of the beneficiaries after the payment for last trimester on 14 May 2021.
- **Income Tax verification:** The beneficiary database in this scheme is being regularly validated with income tax payee database in order to have an audited and authenticated user base.
- **Demographic Aadhar authentication:** To make this whole process more transparent and authenticated, Aadhar validation has been made compulsory. As of now, data of 11.20 crore beneficiaries is Aadhar seeded in the scheme.

## Funds released to eligible beneficiaries9:

As on 22 February, 2022, **funds amounting to Rs 1.82 lakh crore** in various instalments have been released to the eligible beneficiaries of this scheme across India. Out of which Rs. 1.29 lakh crore has been released during the COVID-19 pandemic period.

### Beneficiaries of PM-KISAN<sup>10</sup>

Time Period	No. of Payments made to Beneficiaries
2018-19 (Dec-Mar)	3,16,11,918
2019-20 (Apr-Jul)	6,63,33,984
2019-20 (Aug-Nov)	8,76,21,525
2019-20 (Dec-Mar)	8,96,15,663
2020-21 (Apr-Jul)	10,49,32,450
2020-21 (Aug-Nov)	10,23,45,113
2020-21 (Dec-Mar)	10,23,51,017
2021-22 (Apr-Jul)	11,13,20,806
2021-22 (Aug-Nov)	11,18,25,677
2021-22 (Dec-Mar)	10,85,21,288



#### **Other Facts:**

- As on 22 February, 2022, benefits under PM-KISAN scheme have been provided to about 11.78 Crore farmers and funds amounting to Rs 1.82 lakh crore in various installments have been released to the eligible beneficiaries of this scheme across India. Out of this, Rs. 1.29 lakh crore has been released during the current Covid 19 pandemic period.
- As on <u>December, 2020</u>, the number of Female Farmers Registered under PM KISAN since inception was 2,88,24,467.

### For FAQs on PM KISAN, click here.

### **Video Links:**

- DD News: <u>Charcha Mein | Discussion on PM Kisan Yojna under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi</u> scheme| 22/0219
- DD News: <u>WATCH</u>: Farmers of Uttarakhand are availing benefits of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi <u>Scheme</u>

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