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

(Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare)

**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

March 11, 2022

*“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](https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1786811)

# [Introduction](https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1566145)

# Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) is a Central Sector Program wholly owned by the Government of India. This is implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare. Under the PMKISAN scheme, an annual payment of Rs 6000 is paid directly to farmers' bank accounts in three installments of Rs 2000 each. The program initially provided income support to all smallholders and smallholder’s families nationwide with up to two hectares of farmland. Its ambitions were later expanded to include all farmers in the country, regardless of the size of the land owned. The Prime Minister announced the 9th annual financial gain under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN). The government has so far remitted 9 installments of about Rs 1.57 crore to the farmers under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also announced a national mandate on edible oil and oil palm to reduce the country's dependence on edible oil imports. The National Edible Oil Palm Mission (NMEO-OP) ensures that farmers are provided with all facilities, from quality seeds to technology, to encourage the cultivation of palm and other oilseeds.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

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Objective

The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme is a government initiative in India that aims to provide financial support to small and marginal farmers. The primary objectives of the PM-KISAN scheme include:

1. Income Support : - The main objective is to provide direct income support to farmers to help them meet their expenses related to farming and improve their overall financial condiational. The schemne provides eligible farmers with a fixed amount of financial services.
2. Addresssing Financial Distress : Many farmers face financial distress due to various factors such as unprediccatable weather conditions, crop failure, and debt. The Pm- Kisan scheme aims to alleviate some of this financial burden by providing direct financial assistance, ensuring that farmers have a stable income.
3. Inclusive Growth : The Scheme is designed to benefit small and marginal farmers who may not have access to formal credit or financial institutions. By providing direct financial assisitances, The government aims to promote inclusive growth in the agriculture sector.
4. Addressing Financial Distress**:** Many farmers face financial distress due to various factors such as unpredictable weather conditions, crop failure, and debt. The PM-KISAN scheme aims to alleviate some of this financial burden by providing direct financial assistance, ensuring that farmers have a stable income.
5. Inclusive Growth: The scheme is designed to benefit small and marginal farmers who may not have access to formal credit or financial institutions. By providing direct financial assistance, the government aims to promote inclusive growth in the agricultural sector.
6. Boosting Agricultural Productivity: The scheme indirectly aims to boost agricultural productivity by providing farmers with the means to invest in better farming practices, purchase quality inputs, and improve overall agricultural infrastructure.
7. Social Security for Farmers: PM-KISAN provides a form of social security for farmers by offering a regular income support, which can act as a safety net during challenging times.
8. Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT): The scheme utilizes the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mechanism to ensure that the financial assistance reaches the intended beneficiaries directly into their bank accounts. This helps in reducing leakages and ensures transparency in the disbursement process.

Overall, the PM-KISAN scheme is a targeted effort to provide immediate financial relief to farmers, especially those in vulnerable economic situations, and contribute to the overall well-being of the agricultural community in India.

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Selection of Subject:

Choose a subject area that aligns with your interests and the broader field of study.

Consider the relevance and importance of the subject in the current academic and practical context.

Formulation of Research Problem:

Identify a specific issue or gap in the chosen subject area.

Formulate a clear research problem or question that you aim to address through your research.

Ensure that the research problem is specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound (SMART).

PM Kisan Scheme:

Structure of PM Kisan:

Introduction:

Provide background information on the PM Kisan scheme.

Explain the significance and objectives of the scheme.

Literature Review:

Examine existing literature on agricultural support schemes and income transfer programs.

Analyze the effectiveness of similar schemes implemented in other regions.

Objectives of PM Kisan:

Clearly outline the objectives of the PM Kisan scheme, such as providing direct income support to farmers.

Implementation Structure:

Detail how the scheme is implemented, including the process of identifying beneficiaries and disbursing funds.

Challenges and Criticisms:

Discuss any challenges faced by the scheme and criticisms it might have encountered.

Impact Assessment:

Evaluate the impact of the PM Kisan scheme on farmers' income, agricultural productivity, and overall well-being.

Conclusion:

Summarize key findings and make recommendations for potential improvements or future directions.

Hypothesis:

"The implementation of the PM Kisan Scheme, providing direct income support to small and marginal farmers in India, will lead to a significant increase in their agricultural productivity and income levels."

Explanation**:** This hypothesis suggests an expected positive correlation between the implementation of the PM Kisan Scheme and improvements in agricultural productivity and income for the targeted farmers. To test this hypothesis, a research study might gather data on agricultural outputs, income levels, and other relevant factors before and after the implementation of the scheme and compare the results.

It's essential to note that the formulation of a hypothesis should be based on a clear understanding of the objectives of the study and the specific aspects of the PM Kisan Scheme you aim to investigate. Additionally, hypotheses should be testable and allow for empirical analysis through data collection and statistical methods.

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Research Objectives:

Clearly define the objectives of your study. For example:

To assess the impact of the PM Kisan Scheme on the income levels of small and marginal farmers.

To analyze the effectiveness of the scheme in improving agricultural productivity.

To identify challenges and areas of improvement in the implementation of the PM Kisan Scheme.

Literature Review:

Conduct a thorough literature review to understand existing research, theories, and findings related to agricultural income support schemes, direct benefit transfer programs, and similar initiatives in other countries.

Research Design:

Choose a research design that aligns with your objectives. Options might include:

Longitudinal Study: Examining changes over time by collecting data at multiple points.

Comparative Analysis: Comparing outcomes between areas with and without the PM Kisan Scheme.

Qualitative Interviews: Conducting interviews with farmers and stakeholders to gather in-depth insights.

Sampling:

Define your target population (e.g., small and marginal farmers) and choose a representative sample. Ensure that your sample size is statistically significant for meaningful analysis.

Data Collection:

Decide on the data collection methods:

Quantitative Data: Collect numerical data on income levels, agricultural productivity, etc.

Qualitative Data: Gather insights through interviews, focus groups, or open-ended survey questions.

Variables:

Identify the key variables you will measure, such as income levels, agricultural output, farmer satisfaction, etc.

Data Analysis:

Choose appropriate statistical methods for analysis:

Descriptive Statistics: Summarize and describe the main features of your data.

Inferential Statistics: Make inferences about the population based on your sample.

Ethical Considerations:

Ensure that your research complies with ethical standards. Protect the privacy and rights of participants, especially in the case of interviews or surveys.

Conclusion and Recommendations:

Summarize your findings and provide recommendations based on the results of your study. Highlight any policy implications or areas for further research.

Limitations:

Acknowledge the limitations of your study, such as sample size constraints, data availability, or external factors that might influence the results.

Remember, the methodology should be tailored to your specific research questions and objectives. Always consider the context and constraints of your study when designing the research and methodology for investigating the PM Kisan Scheme.

will be transferred to farmers’ accounts every year.

# [Aims and Objectives of the Scheme](https://agricoop.nic.in/sites/default/files/Web%20copy%20of%20AR%20%28Eng%29_6.pdf)2:

* 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](https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleseDetailm.aspx?PRID=1705519) of PM-KISAN3:

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

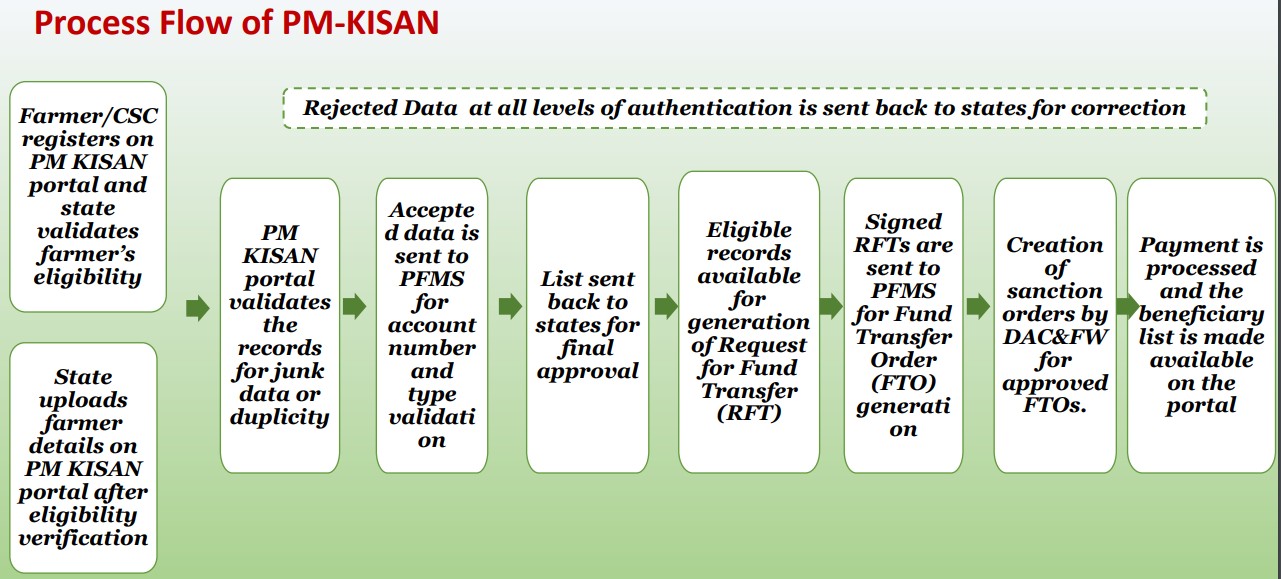


* + Under the scheme financial assistance of **Rs.6000 per annum is provided to all landholding farmer famili**es across the country, subject to certain exclusion criteria relating to higher income strata, to enable them to take care of expenses related to agriculture and allied activities as well as 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.
* The scheme has been effective from [1.12.2018](https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1604017). The cut-off date for identification of beneficiaries with regard to their eligibility is 1.2.2019.

2 <https://agricoop.nic.in/sites/default/files/Web%20copy%20of%20AR%20%28Eng%29_6.pdf>

3 <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 [2015-16.](https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1604017)
* Under the PM-KISAN Scheme, funds are not allocated and sanctioned State-wise.
* An exclusive web-portal [www.pmkisan.gov.in](http://www.pmkisan.gov.in/) 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 01.06.2019.4



# [Source](https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/userfiles/Press%20conference_24-Feb-2020.pdf)

[**Scheme Exclusion**](https://pmkisan.gov.in/#SchemeExclusion)**5**

Beneficiaries of higher economic status shall not be eligible for benefit under the scheme. Or further details, [click here](https://pmkisan.gov.in/#SchemeExclusion).

# [Alternative Implementation Mechanisms for Some States](https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/userfiles/Press%20conference_24-Feb-2020.pdf)6

For North Eastern and some other States with community landholding, alternate mechanism for eligibility of farmers has been devised. To know more, [click here.](https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/userfiles/Press%20conference_24-Feb-2020.pdf)

# [Initiatives](https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/userfiles/Press%20conference_24-Feb-2020.pdf) under PM-KISAN7

* 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.

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

5 <https://pmkisan.gov.in/#SchemeExclusion>

6 <https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/userfiles/Press%20conference_24-Feb-2020.pdf>

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* 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 Scheme8

* **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 all the

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.

8 <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1800851>

* **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 beneficiaries](https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1800851)9:

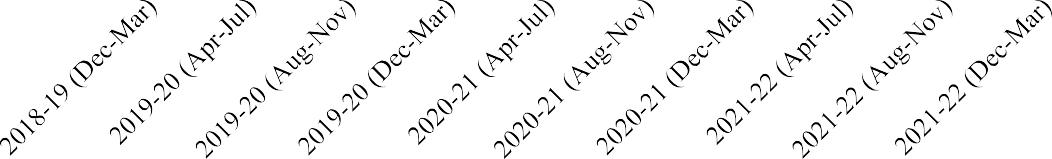
As on 22 February, 2022, **funds amounting to Rs 1.82 lakh crore** in various instalments have been released to the eligible beneficiaries of this scheme across India. Out of which Rs. 1.29 lakh crore has been released during the COVID-19 pandemic period.

# [Beneficiaries of PM-KISAN](https://pmkisan.gov.in/)10

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| **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** |

9 <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1800851>

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**Period wise number of payments under PM-KISAN**

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# Other Facts:

* [As on 22 February, 2022,](https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1800851) **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 [December, 2020,](https://agricoop.nic.in/sites/default/files/Web%20copy%20of%20AR%20%28Eng%29_6.pdf) the number of Female Farmers Registered under PM KISAN since inception was 2,88,24,467.

# For FAQs on PM KISAN, [click here.](https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/specificdocs/documents/2021/nov/doc2021112361.pdf) Video Links:

* DD News: [Charcha Mein | Discussion on PM Kisan Yojna under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dYVnY7eZmx8) [scheme| 22/0219](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dYVnY7eZmx8)
* DD News: [WATCH: Farmers of Uttarakhand are availing benefits of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OoSiZ6YSjVM) [Scheme](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OoSiZ6YSjVM)

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* <https://agricoop.nic.in/en/annual-report>
* <https://agrionline.nic.in/dash/dash.html>

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Certainly, here's a brief guide on how to structure your bibliography and annexure sections for a report on the PM Kisan Scheme:

Bibliography:

List all the sources, references, and literature cited in your report in a standardized format. Common citation styles include APA, MLA, Chicago, or any other style specified by your institution or publication guidelines.

Example (APA Style):

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. (Year). Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme: Implementation Guidelines. Retrieved from [URL]

Author, A. B., & Researcher, C. D. (Year). Title of the Research Paper. Journal of Agricultural Economics, 15(3), 123-145.

Government of India. (Year). Economic Survey. New Delhi: Ministry of Finance.

Make sure to follow the specific formatting rules for your chosen citation style.

Annexure:

The annexure section includes supplementary material that supports and adds value to your report. Here are some items you might include in the annexure:

Survey Instruments:

Copies of the questionnaires or survey forms used in your data collection.

Raw Data:

Tables or spreadsheets containing the raw data collected during your study.

Interview Transcripts:

Transcripts of interviews conducted with beneficiaries, officials, or stakeholders.

Maps or Graphs:

Any visual aids, such as maps, graphs, or charts that complement your findings.

Additional Documents:

Any additional documents, reports, or supporting materials that are relevant but not integral to the main body of the report.

Ensure that each item in the annexure is clearly labeled and referred to in the main body of the report where appropriate. This allows readers to locate and understand the supplementary materials easily.

Example:

Annexure A: Survey Instrument

Questionnaire used for farmer interviews.

Annexure B: Raw Data

Spreadsheet containing raw data on income levels and agricultural productivity.

Annexure C: Interview Transcripts

Transcripts of interviews with PM Kisan beneficiaries.

Annexure D: Maps

Maps depicting the geographical distribution of PM Kisan beneficiaries.

Annexure E: Additional Documents

Any relevant documents that support the findings of the report.

# Background

# The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sanman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) is a new Central Sector Scheme to provide income support to all landholding farmers' families in the country to supplement their financial needs for procuring various inputs related to agriculture and allied activities as well as domestic needs. Under the PM-KISAN scheme, all landholding farmers' families shall be provided the financial benefit of Rs. 6000 per annum per family payable in three equal instalments of Rs. 2000 each, every four months. PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana was announced on February 1, 2019, during the Interim-Union Budget 2019 and was effective from December 2018. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana on February 24, 2019, in Gorakhpur. PM Modi transferred the first installment to 1 Crore farmers of Rs. 2000 each ahead of the Lok Sabha Elections 2019.

# The scheme aims to strengthen the financial capability of the farmers in procuring agricultural inputs and encourage adoption of modern techniques in the crops to obtain optimum yield. Apart from this, it also helps in reducing the liquidity constraints and easing the access to credit.

# Box: 1 Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN): At a Glance

# 1. Vulnerable landholding farmer families, having cultivable land up to 2 hectares, will be provided direct income support at the rate of Rs. 6,000 per year.

# 2. This income support will be transferred directly into the bank accounts of beneficiary farmers, in three equal instalments of Rs. 2,000 each.

# 3. The complete expenditure of Rs 75000 crore for the scheme will be borne by the Union Government in 2019-20.

# Under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, an amount of 6000 is. provided to all the small and marginal farmers of the central govemment every year, this amount is sent to all the lower middle-class farmers through online medium who all are farmers. The revised Scheme is expected to cover around 2 crore more farmers, increasing the coverage of PM-Kisan to around 14.5 crore beneficiaries, with an estimated expenditure by Central Government of Rs. 87,217.50 crores for year 2019-20. The amount is being released in three 4-monthly installments of Rs.2000/- each over the year, to be credited

# into the bank accounts of the beneficiaries held in destination banks through Direct Benefit Transfer mode. The scheme was launched in a record time of 3 weeks, on 24th February at a huge programme in Gorakhpur; Uttar Pradesh where the first rounds of installments was paid to several farmers.

# Box: 2

# Eligibility Criteria: PM-Kisan

# For getting the registration of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, it is necessary for all the farmers to have the following eligibility criteria given below: -

# Under PM-Kisan Yojana, all small and marginal farmers of our country can get registered.

# All the farmers who will register for PM-Kisan Yojana, the data of all those farmers or landlords should be with the Government of India.

# It will be mandatory for all the farmers to have a record of their land details.

# Source: https://duae.org/pm-kisan-gov-in-registration/

# The programme, PM-KISAN, is similar to other such schemes like the Rythu Bandhu of Telangana and Kaalia programmes of Odisha. Bhavantar Bhugtan Yojana in Madhya Pradesh sought to provide relief to farmers by providing the differential between MSPs and market prices. The Rythu Bandhu scheme of the Telangana government provides ₹4,000 per acre for every season to all the farmers of the state. Similar initiatives have also framed in Jharkhand and Odisha. In December 2018, Odisha launched the Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income augmentation (KALIA). KALIA is more complicated in design and implementation. It commits to give Rs 5,000 per SMF, twice a year that is Rs 10,000 a year.

# As per the agricultural census 2015-16 data, there are 99,858 marginal landholdings (less.

# than 1 ha) and 25,777 small landholdings (1 ha to 2 ha) in India. Therefore, there are

# 1, 25,635 landholdings eligible for the benefits under the PM-Kisan programme. At Rs. 6,000

# per landholding, the total annual expenditure works out to approximately 'Rs. 75,381 crores. Subsequently, the criteria of eligibility for the scheme were changed from June 2019 onwards and it was extended to cover all the 140 million farmers of the country.

# The rationale behind the amount Rs. 6,000 per landholding is not clear from any of the policy documents. However, from the basic theory of production, it can be inferred that a farmer is likely to incur severe loss or may even stop cultivating if the average variable costs fall below the price they receive. Adoption of modern technologies is one of the most promising

# https://duac.org/pm-kisan-gov-in-registration/

# strategies to increase farm incomes. Among the constraints to technology adoption, the most prominent are lack of information and lack of credit. In India, more than half of farming households do not have access to formal credit and one fifth farmers purchase inputs on credit. In such a situation, the introduction of a cash transfer scheme (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi) (PM-Kisan) to ease the liquidity constraints of Indian farmers for procuring inputs is important and relevant. Thus, PM-Kisan needs to cover at least the basic expenditure on cultivation to be effective. Following this line of reasoning, the cost considered here is the A2 cost, which covers only the paid-out costs of the farmer. This weighted A2 cost works out to Rs. 9,500 per acre. Thus, Rs. 6,000 per ha under PM-Kisan Nidhi Samman is not sufficient to cover even A2 cost.

# Presently 2 crores, 56 lakh farmers of Uttar Pradesh are covered under the scheme. Out of the total 10 crore 46 lakh beneficiaries under this scheme in the country in 2018-19, more than 26.93% belonged to U.P alone. Therefore, it was relevant to know the outcome of this huge investment at the ground level. In order to know the impact of this scheme on the farm income of the beneficiaries, a study has been conducted by the Agro-Economic Research Centre of University of Allahabad, Prayagraj in third week of May, 2022, taking 2020-21 and 2022 as the reference year. In this context, 120 beneficiaries and 120 non-beneficiaries were selected from 4 districts of 4 different economic regions of Uttar Pradesh. A comparative analysis has been done to measure the impact of the scheme on the farm income of the beneficiaries with the non-beneficiaries.

# 1.2. Implementation of the Scheme

# The scheme was launched by the Govt. of India in December 2018 across the whole country. It aimed at providing Rs. 6,000 per annum as income support to the families of all the farmers who own cultivable land. A total sum of Rs. 6,000 per year is transferred. Rs. 2,000 as quarterly instalments is transferred in the bank accounts of the registered beneficiary farmers since the inception of the PM-Kisan Scheme. The first instalment of the scheme was transferred on 24th February, 2019. The prevailing land ownership system was used for the identification of the targeted beneficiaries. Those whose names were found in land records till February 2019 were entitled to get the benefit under this specific scheme. Telangana, was the first state to recognise and initiate the scheme at state level. It implemented the scheme under the name of Ritu Bandhu Scheme. Following this, a certain amount was given directly to the

# eligible farmers. This scheme was highly appreciated by various entities and got world-wide

# recognition by organisations like World Bank etc. for its successful implementation at the

# grass root level. It was observed by many economists that this scheme was a much better alternative than waiving of the loan which amounted up to Rs. 20,000 crores. For the year 2018-19, Rs. 20,000 crore was allocated under this scheme. For the subsequent year 2019-20, the scheme was revised to benefit nearly 2 crores more farmers extending the coverage of the scheme to 14.50 crore beneficiaries by allocating 87,275 crores by the Central Govt. on 24th February, 2019.

# In this context, the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had launched the PM-Kisan Scheme at Gorakhpur district of UP, by transferring the first instalment of Rs. 2,000 each to over one crore farmers. The important objective of this scheme is to supplement the financial need of all the farmers in procuring various inputs to ensure proper crop health and appropriate yield, proportionately with the anticipated farm income. All the farmers who own cultivable land are being covered under this scheme. The identification of the targeted beneficiaries is based on the existing land ownership system. across the country. Further specification requires clear and updated land records.

# The Aadhaar, mobile number and Bank accounts are mandatory requirements to get registered under this scheme. The State/UT Governments expedite the progress of digitalization of land records and linking the same with Aadhaar card as well as the bank details of the beneficiaries. The list of eligible beneficiaries is published at village level to ensure transparency. The farmers who are eligible for the benefit but are not included in the list of beneficiaries have the option to represent their case to get registered under the scheme. The amount due to the beneficiaries is to be paid directly in their accounts under the mechanism of Direct Benefit Transfers (DBT).

# The scheme is fully funded by the Govt. of India. The State Govt. is assigned with the role of identifying the eligible farmers and uploading the related details on the online portal of the PM-Kisan scheme. An annual amount of Rs.75, 000 crore is being transferred across the country under this scheme. The cut-off date for the determination of the eligibility of beneficiaries was 01/02/2019. There is no provision to change the cut off dates for the next five years. However, it can be relaxed in some cases which have been given in the operational guidelines of the scheme. The States/ UTs are solely responsible for the preparation of the list of beneficiaries which is valid only for a year. The adoption of modern techniques in the cultivation of crops requires huge investment annually. The prices of essential inputs such as

# seed, fertilizers, pesticides, etc. are also increasing every year. On account of these

# difficulties, the economically deprived section of the society is not in a position to invest

# adequately in the required capital and raw material for the crop production. In the wake of the

# following complications the Govt. of India had launched the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman

# Nidhi Yojana in 2018 to supplement the financial need of the farmers. The annual help of Rs. 6,000 has earned deep gratitude and satisfaction of the farmers from all over the country. This augment in the financial income of the farmers would be a key step in paving the way for the adoption of the modern techniques. Consequently, increased productivity would lead towards self-sufficiency and fulfilling the agenda of doubling farmer's income'.

# The economy of Uttar Pradesh is based primarily on agriculture and around 65% of the total population is dependent on agriculture. Uttar Pradesh is the top producer of food grain accounting for 17.83% share in the country's total food production. According to the data of 2019-20, about 165.98 lakh hectares (68%) area is cultivated in the state. The average holding size of agriculture in Uttar Pradesh is 0.76 hectare which is less than the national average of 1.5 hectares. The State produces all weather crops i.e., Rabi, Kharif and Zaid.

# The progress of the scheme within different states from year 2018-19 to 2021-22 has been analysed in the Table-1.1. Table 1.1 reveals that 2.82 crore farmers were benefited during 2018-19 in Uttar Pradesh. The amount of Rs. 1, 11, 92,506 crore had been transferred to bank accounts of the beneficiary farmers during the year 2018-19. It can also be noticed from Table-1-1 that the number of benefitted beneficiaries was highest in Uttar Pradesh.

# Out of the total covered beneficiaries of the country under PM-Kisan Scheme, the share of UP was maximum being 26.93% of the country in 2018-19 followed by 10.96%, 8.62%, 8.011%, 7.54%, 6.20% and 5.57% in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh respectively. Thus, it is relevant to know the impact of PM-Kisan Scheme on the farm income of the beneficiaries in Uttar Pradesh.

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# the hour for the proper implementation of the scheme across the State. Considering the huge

# amount invested in the scheme, it is necessary to know whether the beneficiaries are utilising the amount received for productive purposes or not?

# What does Research Suggest?

# A study by IFPRI-ICAR in UP with respect to the success of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi reveals that the scheme, along with agricultural advisory services, has the potential to pull farmers out of poverty. This scheme marks as a tectonic shift of the government towards farmers of India. The scheme is aimed to cater the liquidity constraints of farmers for meeting their expenses for purchase of agricultural inputs and farm machinery. Several studies emphasize the fact that access to formal credit considerably augmented the investment in small businesses. (Banerjee et al. 2017) In India, where the formal credit structure is still absent or has negligibly penetrated, more than half of the farming households do not have access to formal credit. In such a case the apt introduction of a cash transfer scheme (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi, PM-Kisan) will definitely relieve the liquidity constraints of farmers for acquiring inputs. There are studies that claim that the scheme is pitched as a general cash transfer for the farmers, but its impact in the adoption of modern technologies still remains a significant question that is addressed in this study.

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# There are several other studies that have focused on general effects of cash transfers on results such as household consumption, educational attainment, and health (Gertler, 2004; Fiszbein & Schady, 2009, Adato & Bassett, 2009). In this context, PM-Kisan shows a natural experiment to assess the impact of cash transfers. For any intervention/catalyst to give long-term impacts there is need for productive investments. In this situation, Gertler et al. (2006) and Handa et al. (2018) demonstrate that a small monthly cash transfers result in increased consumption even after beneficiaries left the program. Such cash transfers to poor households may increase future earnings by encouraging investments in livestock. Sadoulet et al. (2001) show multiplier- effect of cash transfers. Theoretically or say ideally, cash transfer can support farmers to spend the amount in the productive activities. First, it may help in easing incumbent credit and liquidity constraint in purchasing agricultural inputs. It is noteworthy to state here that it is extremely important in India where more than 50 per cent farmers depend on informal credit and one-fifth farmers purchase inputs on credit. Secondly, cash transfer enhances the net income of farmers and consequently may raise farmer's risks taking capacity but reasonably in productive investments. Thus, the review suggests that a productive investment

# in the short-run lead to sustained long-term impacts. Now, the question is how does PM-

# Kisan cash transfer perform in this context? Let us explore in the present study and its analysis.

# Research Design Adopted

# A scientific approach has been adopted in the selection of the districts, blocks, villages, and sample farmers, to obtain the desired result. The present study was proposed to be conducted for the state of Uttar Pradesh. For the selection of the districts, blocks and villages and finally the households, the following methodology was adopted.

# Selection of Districts: It is worth mention here that the selection of the districts was done on the basis of highest representation of PM- Kisan beneficiaries in the four regions of Uttar Pradesh. Consequently, Hardoi District from Central, Shahjanpur from Western, Azamgarh from Eastern region and Jhansi from Bundelkhand region were selected. It is worth mention here that a district-wise list of beneficiaries for the concerned year (2020-21) was collected. On the basis of this information districts were selected.

# Selection of Blocks: For selection of blocks the same criteria i.e., highest representation of PM-Kisan beneficiaries from the block concerned was adopted. Therefore, the block Sursa was selected from Hardoi district, Jahanganj from Azamgarh District, Bhawalkhera from Shahjanpur district and Mauranipur of Jhansi District were selected.

# Selection of Villages: The selection of villages was done randomly. One village each from the representative block was selected for the study.

# Selection of Household (Beneficiary/ Non-Beneficiary): For the selection of beneficiary and Non-Beneficiary households, we collected a detailed list of village-wise beneficiaries. Therefore, 30 beneficiary households were selected randomly from the list in each sample village. Further, 30 non-beneficiary households were also selected from village households who had not availed the benefits of PM -Kisan scheme or for some reason could not be enlisted in the beneficiary list. It is important to mention here that the beneficiaries and non- beneficiaries were selected in each village. (Table 1.2)

# Details of selected units 1.e. blocks, villages and sample farmers from selected districts of

# different regions of Uttar Pradesh

# This study is confined to Uttar Pradesh only which is one of the largest states of the country.

# It is broadly divided into four economic regions i.e., East, West, Center and Bundelkhand. These regions are different from each other location wise but there are some similarities on

# the basis of topography, soil texture, cropping patterns, sources of irrigation, etc. 30 beneficiaries and 30 non-beneficiaries were randomly selected from each village. This was done for the comparative analysis of the farm income of the samples. In total 120 beneficiaries and 120 non-beneficiaries were selected from the four villages of the four chosen districts from the four regions of U.P. to study the impact of PM-Kisan Scheme. This is illustrated in Table-1-3.

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# Table-1-3 Region-wise name of selected districts from Uttar Pradesh

# Name of the Regions

# Name of the selected district

# Number of beneficiaries in the selected districts

# Eastern

# Certral

# Westerm

# Bundelkhand

# Uttar Pracesh

# Number of districts in the region

# 28

# (37.33)

# Azamgarh

# 462996

# 10

# Hardoi

# 342602

# (13.33)

# 30

# Shahjahanpar

# 343224

# (40:00) 07

# (9.34)

# Jhansi

# 176010

# 75

# (100,00)

# 16776558

# Note: Figures in brackets are percentage to region.

# 1.5. Objectives of the Study

# Following objectives have been framed for the study-

# i. To examine the differences in the economic level of the beneficiaries and non- beneficiaries in UP under the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme.

# To analyse and compare the inputs, outputs and resources on the farms of the beneficiaries with the non-beneficiaries.

# To evaluate the impact of scheme on farm incomes

# iv. To examine the utilisation of the funds of the scheme by the beneficiary.

# To examine the inconvenience faced by the farmers and implementing agency in receiving and disbursing the funds.

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# To study the role of Kisan Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in facilitating Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana.

# Socio-Economic Profile of Sample Beneficiary and Non-Beneficiary Farmers

# This Chapter attempts to understand the profile of sample beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries in the sample region. As mentioned in the Chapter 1 of the report, 120 beneficiaries were covered under the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme and equal number of non-beneficiaries was also selected for this study for the reference period of 2020-21 and 2021-22. The socio- economic profile of the sample farmers has been described as under.

# Number of family members in the sample households

# The Table II-I (A) shows the distribution of sample farmers by their size of land holding. Of the total number of beneficiary households 81.67 per cent owned less than 1.00 hectare land. There were no farmers in the land size category of 4.00 to more than 4.00 hectares. In case of the non-beneficiary farmers, 89.17 per cent households owned less than 1.00 hectare land. There were no households with land size 4.00 to more than 4.00 hectares. The number of family members in the sample households is shown in Table-II-1 (B). The table reveals that per household member was 6,73, and 5.93 in the non-sample households. In the total population of the sample beneficiary, children consisted for 37.25%, male 32.67% and female 30.08%. Compared to this in case of the non-sample beneficiary households, the total population were 711 of which children comprised 40.79%, male 30.10% and female 29.11%. From the Table-II-1 (B), it is clear that the male population was higher than the female population in both the sample households. The female population was 920 per 1000 male in the sample beneficiary of the farmers and it was 967 in non-sample beneficiaries. It is observed that the larger the farm size, lesser the members within the family. Among the beneficiary households, 79.83 % were marginal farmers and 20.17% were small farmers. Similar was the trend in the case of non-beneficiary households. It may be concluded that in both the sample households the average size of the family of small farmers were lower than

# the marginal farmers.

# Caste wise distribution of the respondents

# It has been a priority of the Government of India to spend in schemes exhaustively, helpful in eliminating the socio-economic backwardness of the downtrodden. The caste plays a significant role in getting the financial aids from various benefit schemes of the Central and the State governments. However, in the case of PM-Kisan Scheme, it gives an equal

# opportunity to all the farmers registered under it. According to this scheme, irrespective of

# their caste, all the farmers who own some cultivable lands are eligible. The distribution of the

# respondents of sample families, according to their castes, can be observed from table-II-2.

# This table shows that out of 120, sample beneficiary families, 46.67% belonged to OBC,

# followed by 29.17% and 24.16% of General and SC/ST castes respectively. As far as non-

# sample families are concerned, Table-11-2 shows that 52.50% respondents were OBC, while 25.00% respondents belonged to SC/ST followed by 22.50% of General Caste. It shows that most of the respondents of both sample families were OBCs. Since the OBC families are maximum in number in UP, therefore, the OBCs had been covered in maximum number under the PM-Kisan Scheme. This is also confirmed by this study that the caste is not a criterion in the selection of the beneficiaries under this scheme. All these farmers get equal opportunities to enrol under this scheme.

# Educational status of respondents

# The illiteracy is a major constraint in getting the essential documents for the registration process under the PM-Kisan Scheme. The literate people do not find much difficulty in the registration process of the ongoing scheme in comparison to the illiterate people. A large number of farmers in UP are still not covered under the PM-Kisan Scheme due to illiteracy and unawareness about the scheme. The educational status of the respondents of both the sample families is shown in Table-11-3. It is evident from Table-11-3 that out of total 120 samples beneficiary households, 23.33% were illiterate while it was 33.33% in case of non- sample households. Most of the respondents of the sample beneficiary households had obtained secondary level education. It can also be observed from Table-II-3 that 11.67% of the total respondents of the sample beneficiaries were graduates. Table-II-3 also reveals that out of 120 non samples beneficiaries, 42.50% had obtained secondary level education. It reflects from the above analysis that most of the respondents of both the sample households. had obtained secondary level education. It can also be observed that illiteracy is more persistent among the small and marginal sample farmers. Maximum number of illiterate respondents was found in small and marginal sample farms.

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# II.4. Occupation of Respondents

# The occupation of respondents of sample beneficiary and non-beneficiary farmers is worked out in table-II-4. Table-II-4 shows that agriculture was the main occupation of respondents of both the sample farms. Table-II-4 shows that 96.67% of respondents of sample beneficiary. farms were engaged in agriculture and rest 3.33% were involved in subsidiary occupation, In case of non-sample beneficiary farms, Table-ll-4 shows that out of 120 respondents, 87.50% were engaged in agriculture followed by 12.50% in subsidiary occupations. It shows that the agriculture was the main occupation of respondents of both the sample families. However, the subsidiary occupations were marginally higher of non-sample beneficiaries than that of the beneficiaries. This shows that agriculture is still a dominant occupation of majority of the farmers of Uttar Pradesh. Overall, three fourth of sample beneficiaries as well as non-sample beneficiary farmers were dependent on agriculture. They were mostly small and marginal landholders who had limited access to formal credit.

# Table-II-4 Occupation of Respondents

# Occupations Beneficiary respondents 116

# 11.5. Members of sample households engaged in agricultural and non-agricultural activities. Farm as well as the non-farm activities, augment the income of the farmers. Table-11-5 reveals that out of total members of 808 on the sample beneficiary farms 42,08% were engaged in different agricultural and non-agricultural activities. In case of the non-sample

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# sample beneficiaries is worked out to be Rs. 22,021 in the reference year 2020-21. Per household income of beneficiary farmers was higher by 11.36% over per household income of Rs. 1, 30,477 of non-beneficiary farmers. This shows that the sample beneficiary farmers are better off than the non-sample beneficiary farmers. It is also clear that non-agricultural activities were the main source of income for both the sample farmers.

# Table-II-6 also reveals that per hectare net income from agriculture was Rs. 40,159 on the sample beneficiary farms while it was Rs. 40,098 on non-sample beneficiary farms during the reference year. It shows per hectare net income from agriculture was more or less same on both the sample farms during the study period. The comparative picture of change in income shows a decline though in marginal terms. This could be associated with the impact Covid 19 which took the entire world under its grip. But the proportional distributions and deviations in income with respect to source (agriculture and non-agriculture) remains the same. Even the income status of the beneficiary families was found hetter compared to the non-beneficiary families.

# Land Utilization and Cropping Pattern on the Sample Farms

# This chapter deals with the various activities of land utilization including irrigation, cropping pattern, production and productivity of crops etc. The activities were covered for both on the sample beneficiary and non-beneficiary farms during the reference year 2020-21 and 2021- 22. These issues have been described in details in the following sequences to make a comparative analysis of the use of the land for different purposes between sample and non- sample beneficiary farms. This would help us to understand the impact of PM-Kisan Scheme in the present scenario.

# III.1. Utilization of Land on the sample farms

# Land area per household is very limited in the state of Uttar Pradesh. The average land

# holding stands merely at 0.75 hectare. Hence, it requires very intensive use of land for different seasonal crops like Kharif, Rabi and Zaid. The use of land pattern on the sample farms is worked out in Table-III-1. It is evident from Table-III-1 that per household land was 0.71 hectare for the sample beneficiary farms while it was as low as 0.60 hectare for non- sample beneficiary farms during the year 2020-21 as well as 2021-22. It can also be observed from Table-III-1 that all the area of the owned land was under cultivation on the sample beneficiary and non-beneficiary farms. Two crops were grown in a year by the sample farmers. The cropping intensity was worked to be 168.20% on the sample beneficiary. farms against 179.01% on non-beneficiary farms. It shows that non-sample beneficiary farms were producing more crops on their cultivable land compared to the sample beneficiary farmers.

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# It is also evident from Table-III-1 that leasing of land was not so prevalent in the study areas.

# It is also noticed from the table that total owned land was completely under cultivation on both the sample farms. Total net sown area on the sample farms was fully irrigated.

# III.2. Sample Households Adopting Various Irrigation Sources

# Assured irrigation plays an important role in increasing the yield of any area. The network of imigation sources is extensively expanded across the state of UP. Almost all the cultivable. land of UP is generally covered under different sources of irrigation. The pump-sets, canals and owned tube wells are the main sources of irrigation. Table-III-2 shows that out of total inigated area of beneficiary farms, pump-sets accounted for 51.67% followed by 28.33% and 20.00% owned tube-wells and canals respectively. The similar trends can also be seen on non-beneficiary farms.

# Cropping Pattern on the sample farms

# The detail of different crops of both the sample farms is given Table III-3. From Table-III-3 one can find that wheat and paddy were major crops on both the sample farms in the reference year. Out of Gross Cropped area of 144.65 hectares of beneficiary farmers, wheat accounted for maximum share being 45.07% followed by 32.28% of paddy. Thus, both crops jointly accounted for 77.35% of gross cropped area. The pulses and oilseed accounted for 18.70% and 3.95% of the gross cropped area respectively during the same period.

# In the case of non-sample beneficiary farms, Table-III-3 shows that wheat and paddy are the main crops. Out of the gross cropped area of 130.45 hectares, the share of wheat and paddy was 42.20% and 30.89% respectively. These two crops jointly occupied 73.09% of G.C. The share of pulses and oil seeds of G.C was 20.97% and 5.94% respectively during the same year. It shows that the cropping pattern on both sample farms was heavily tilted in favour of wheat and paddy. However, the non-sample beneficiary farmers gave more weightage to pulses and oilseeds in the cropping pattem. This indicates that the non-sample beneficiary farmers were getting more benefit from pulses and oilseeds, resulting in more income than wheat and paddy. Hence, there was more diversification in the cropping patterns on non- sample beneficiary farms compared to the sample beneficiary farms. In spite of the observed cropping pattern, the farmers should also be advised to grow more natural crops their farms to maintain soil health and prevent soil erosion.

# Chapter IV

# Impact of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme on the Farm Income of Sample Beneficiary Farmers

# An effort has been made in this chapter to assess the impact of PM-Kisan Scheme on production and productivity of different crops on the sample beneficiary farms. Apart from this, use of inputs, gross and net income has also been estimated in this chapter. A comparative analysis has also been done to understand the impact of the PM-Kisan Scheme on the sample beneficiary farmers vs. Non sample beneficiary farmers. These aspects have been thoroughly examined in this study.

# IV.1. Production of different crops on the sample farms

# It has already been mentioned in the previous chapter i.e., Chapter-III that the paddy, urd, groundnut, moong, wheat, pea, gram and mustard were sown by the sample beneficiary farmers during the reference year. These crops have been taken into consideration to know the per hectare yield on the sample beneficiary and non-beneficiary farms in the reference. year. The production and per hectare yield of different crops on both the sample farms are shown in Table-IV-1. It is evident from Table-IV-1 that per hectare yield of paddy and wheat was 54.589 quintals and 43.05 quintals respectively on the sample beneficiary farms while the per hectare yield of paddy and wheat was 52.90 quintals and 42.22 quintals on the non- sample beneficiary farms respectively during the same period. It shows that per hectare yield. of paddy and wheat was higher by 3.08% and 1.93% respectively on sample beneficiary farms over the per hectare yield on non-sample beneficiary farms. The per hectare yield of urd, moong, pea and gram were higher on the beneficiary farms. Table-IV-I also reveals that he per hectare yield of almost all the crops was a bit higher on the sample beneficiary fanns than the non-sample beneficiary farms. It may be concluded with this result that the impact of the PM-Kisan Scheme was by and large effective in increasing the productivity of the crops. This happened due to use of balanced doses of inputs and adoption of modern techniques timely and adequately in the crops.

# Table-IV-1

# IV.2. Cost of Production of Different Crops on the Sample Farms

# The cost of production of different crops on the sample farms has been calculated in Table- IV-2. Table-IV-2 shows that per hectare cost of production of all the crops on the beneficiary farm was Rs.33, 003 against Rs.32, 346 on the non-sample beneficiary farms during the same period. It reflects that the cost of production per hectare of different crops on beneficiary farms was higher by 1.99% over the per hectare cost of production of crops on non-sample beneficiary farms. This was due to the higher expenditure on the material costs (seed, fertilizer, pesticides etc.) on the beneficiary farms than the non-beneficiary farms. The sample beneficiary famnts had spent Rs. 12,795 per hectare to procure seed, fertilizers anal pesticides while the expenditure incurred by the non-beneficiary farmers to the tune for Rs.12, 281.

# It can also be noticed from the Table-IV-2 that out of the total input cost being Rs. 47, 73, 875 on the sample beneficiary farms, the share of material cost accounted for 38.77% followed by 31.80% and 14.49% was for machinery and labour respectively. As far as non- sample beneficiary farms are concemed, the material cost accounted for 37.97% followed by 30.47% and 14.43% for machinery and labour charges respectively.

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# This proves that the material and machinery charges were the major components of the total input costs on both the sample farms. The variable cost was merely higher on the beneficiary farms than the non-

# beneficiary farms in the reference year. The above analysis reflects that the sample

# beneficiary farmers had spent more money to procure inputs than the non-sample beneficiary

# farmers. This was due to the financial support of Rs. 6,000 per annum to the beneficiary

# farmers. The impact of the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme was positive for the beneficiary

# beneficiary farms in the reference year. The above analysis reflects that the sample beneficiary farmers had spent more money to procure inputs than the non-sample beneficiary farmers. This was due to the financial support of Rs. 6,000 per annum to the beneficiary farmers. The impact of the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme was positive for the beneficiary. farmers. The variable cost is generally met out by the financial aid provided to the farmers under the following scheme. The sample beneficiary as well as the non-sample beneficiary farmers was still reluctant to produce oilseeds and pulses. Higher preference was given to wheat and paddy, since they are both assured crops. The per hectare cost of production of paddy and wheat on beneficiary farms was Rs. 40,583 and Rs. 33,244 respectively which was higher than the other crops. This type of observation was also seen on non-sample beneficiary farms. This analysis reflects that the amount received under PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme is generally spent for paddy and wheat crops by the beneficiary farmers.

# IV.3. Impact of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme on the Farm Income of the Sample Beneficiaries

# The main objective of the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme is to provide financial support to the farmers to procure the inputs for increasing the production of crops which were not generally procured by economically weaker farmers due to the dearth of money in sowing time of the crops. The financially deprived farmers used to borrow the money from the banks and money lenders at high interest rates to purchase seeds, fertilizers, pesticides etc. It has also been observed that the poor and resource less farmers were not in a position to use the quality agricultural inputs in their crops due to financial hardships particularly in the sowing seasons of the crops. On account of this, the crop production and productivity were not found

# up to the mark on the number of farms. The contribution of farmers of the country is very significant in building the strong nation. More than 75% of population of the nation is in the agricultural sector. Among the total farmers 80% are the small and marginal farmers in the country. It is very relevant to know the impact of this scheme on the farm income of the beneficiaries in UP. In this context, 120 farmers covered under this were selected from four regions of UP to examine the impact of scheme on the farm income of beneficiaries. In view of this the input costs, gross income and net income of crops on the sample farms are worked.

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# out in Table-IV-3.

# The main purpose of the PM-Kisan Scheme is to augment the farm income and to ease the credit and liquidity constraint for the farmers. An amount of Rs. 6,000 per annum is. transferred in the bank accounts of the beneficiaries to invest in productive activities such as procuring agricultural inputs. This scheme also provides financial strength and risk-taking capacity to the benefitted farmers to adopt modem techniques of production in farming.

# The input costs, gross income, and net income from the crops on the sample beneficiary farms and non-beneficiary farms during 2020-21 and 2021-22 are worked out in Table -IV-3.. It is evident from Table-IV-3 that per hectare net income was Rs. 40,098 on the sample beneficiary farms against Rs. 40,082 on non-sample farms. Thereby showing only 0.04% rise compared to the net income of Rs.40, 082 per hectare on non-sample farms. As far as gross. income is concemed table-IV-3 shows that per hectare gross income was Rs. 73,100 in the sample beneficiary farms while it was Rs. 72,428 on the non-sample fams, showing 0.92% increase over the non-sample beneficiary farms. It can also be witnessed from table-IV-3 that the per household income from agriculture on sample beneficiary farms was Rs. 48,334 against Rs. 43,573 per household income on non-sample beneficiary farms during the reference year. It shows that per household income from agriculture on the sample beneficiary farms was higher by 9.85% over per household income of the non-sample beneficiary farms. The cost and benefit ratio worked out to be 1:21.2 on the sample beneficiary farms against 1:1.3 on non-sample beneficiary farms. It shows that retum per rupee was marginally higher on the non-sample farms than the sample beneficiary farms. So, it can be concluded that the impact of PM-Kisan Scheme was positive but not very significantly. This was due to the non-beneficiary farmers who were also well to do and had used the adequate and balanced inputs in their crops. Some of non-beneficiary farmers had also borrowed the money from different financial institutions to procure the agricultural

# inputs for their crops.

# The data for the year 2021-22 shows a uniform fall in income earned across various crops as

# well as simultaneous rise in costs. This was true for both the beneficiary farms as well as non- beneficiary farms. It is noteworthy to state here that when all the sectors of the economy were badly hit under the impact of Covid, farm sector was left no exception

# VI.4. Crop-wise Income on the Sample Beneficiary and Non-beneficiary Farmers

# The crop wise expenditure on inputs, gross income and net income are also worked out in Table-IV-3. It has already been pointed out that paddy, urd, groundnut, moong, wheat, pea, gram, and mustard were sown by the sample farmers during reference year i.e., 2020-21 and 2021-22. Among these 8 crops the paddy and wheat were the main crops on both the sample farms. The sample beneficiary as well as the non-sample beneficiary farmers had given weightage to these two crops. It can be noticed from table-IV-3 that per hectare net income of paddy was more or less same on both the farms while the per hectare income of wheat was higher by 5.40% over the per hectare net income of Rs. 33,715 on non-sample beneficiary

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# Utilization of Funds under Pradhan Mantri Kisan

# Samman Nidhi Scheme for Different Purposes

# The utilization of funds under PM-Kisan Scheme for different purposes has been discussed in

# this chapter. Since the inception of this scheme in U.P, Rs. 6,000 per annum is being

# transferred in the bank accounts of each beneficiary continuously without any termination.

# The 3rd instalment of Rs. 2,000 per beneficiary was transferred on 12-03-2019. The year wise

# amount transferred under the scheme has been shown in table-V-1. The table shows that Rs.

# 6,000 per annum in three equal instalments has been transferred in the accounts of the sample

# beneficiary farmers. From 2019 to 2021 the beneficiaries are getting Rs. 6,000 per annum to

# procure the agricultural inputs.

# Table-V-1

# Amount received from PM-Kisan Scheme in Different Years by Beneficiary Farmers

# Years Beneficiary farms

# No. of Beneficiary Farmers Amount received (Rs.)

# 2018-2019 120 240000

# (2000.00)

# 2019-2020 120 720000

# (6000.00)

# 2020-2021 120 720000

# (6000.00)

# 2021-22 120 720000

# (6000.00)

# Total 480 2400000

# (5000.00)

# Note: Figures in brackets refer to amount received per farm.

# V.1. Utilization of the Funds under PM-Kisan Scheme for Different Purposes

# The main purpose of the PM-Kisan Scheme is to provide financial support to the farmers to

# purchase agricultural inputs for earning more income from the production. This financial

# support enables the farmers to use better quality inputs in their crops. However, it is very

# relevant to know whether the beneficiary farmers are utilizing the funds of PM-Kisan Scheme

# in agriculture or not, what is the method of the diversion of funds. The details of the

# utilization of funds are examined in table-V-2. Table-V-2 shows that total amount of Rs.

# 7,20,000 in 2020-21 and 21-2022 respectively had been transferred to 120 sample beneficiary

# farmers each year. In the year 2020-21, 69.99% of this amount was utilized in agriculture and

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# rest 36.01% was utilized in the non-agriculture purposes. It shows that a handsome amount of

# the PM-Kisan Scheme was used for unproductive purposes. Similar results were witnessed in

# the year 2019-20. Table-V-2 also reveals that the maximum amount of the IIIrd instalment

# that is 44.71% was used for unproductive purposes. It can also be noticed from table-V-2 that

# more than 30% of the total amount of PM-Kisan Scheme was not utilized in agriculture from

# 2019-20 to 2020-21.

# Table-V-2

# Utilization of PM-Kisan Funds in reference year 2020-21and 2021-22 by

# Beneficiary Farmers

# Years/

# Instalment

# No. of

# Beneficiary

# Farmers

# Amount

# received (Rs.)

# Utilized funds

# Agriculture Non-

# Agriculture

# (Rs.) (Rs.)

# 2020-2021 120 240000 167100 72900

# I

# st Installment (100) (69.63) (30.37

# 2020-2021 120 240000 160900 79100

# IInd Installment (100) (67.04) (32.96

# 2020-2021 120 240000 132700 107300

# IIIrd Installment (100) (55.29) (44.71)

# 2021-2022 120 240000 159230 80770

# I

# st Installment (100) (66.35) (33.65)

# 2021-2022 120 240000 156800 83200

# IInd Installment (100) (65.33) (34.67)

# 2021-2022 120 240000 123500 116500

# IIIrd Installment (100) (51.46) (48.54)

# Total 360 1440000 900230 539770

# (100) (62.52) (37.48)

# Note: Figures in brackets are percentage to total funds

# V.2. Utilization of the Funds under PM-Kisan Scheme in Different Components of Non-

# Agricultural Sector

# The utilization of funds of Rs. 2, 59,300 of non-agricultural uses in 2020-21, received by 120

# sample beneficiary farmers under the PM-Kisan Scheme in 202-21 is shown in table-V-3.

# Table-V-3 shows that out of total amount being Rs.2, 59,300, 39.30% was spent on

# medicines followed by 27.02%, 20.05% and 9.53% on social ceremonies, purchase of non-

# agricultural assets and construction of house items respectively during the reference year.

# This shows that the medicines and social ceremonies jointly accounted for 66.32% of the

# total of Rs. 2,59,300. The beneficiary farmers had also purchased non-agricultural assets

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# during the same period. It may be concluded with this impression that most of the social

# obligations were met out from the funds of PM-Kisan Scheme.

# Table-V-3

# Utilization of funds in different heads of non-agriculture activities

# Year No. of

# Beneficiary

# Farmers

# Amount

# utilized

# non-

# agriculture

# Components of non-agriculture sectors

# Payment

# of Loan

# Social

# ceremonies

# Purchase

# of non-

# agriculture

# assets

# Medicine Construction

# of house

# Others

# 2020-21 120 72900

# (100.00)

# 0.00

# (0.00)

# 13300

# (18.25)

# 15500

# (21.26)

# 33500

# (45.95)

# 8200

# (11.25)

# 2400

# (3.29)

# 2020-21 120 79100

# (100.00)

# 0.00

# (0.00)

# 18400

# (23.26)

# 15800

# (23.77)

# 32000

# (40.46)

# 8000

# (10.11)

# 1900

# (2.40)

# 2020-21 120 107300

# (100.00)

# 0.00

# (0.00)

# 38400

# (35.79)

# 18200

# (16.96)

# 36400

# (33.92)

# 8500

# (7.93)

# 5800

# (5.40)

# 2021-22 120 115350

# (100.00)

# 0

# (0.00)

# 25750

# (22.32)

# 9570

# (8.30)

# 68595

# (59.47)

# 3110

# (2.70)

# 8325

# (7.22)

# Total 360 259300

# (100.00)

# 0.00

# (0.00)

# 70100

# (27.02)

# 52500

# (20.25)

# 101900

# (39.30)

# 24700

# (9.53)

# 10100

# (3.90)

# Note: Figures in brackets are percentage of fund under PM-Kisan Scheme

# V.3. Utilization of Funds under PM-Kisan Scheme in Different Operations of the Crops

# on the Sample Beneficiary Farms

# Land ploughing, seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, irrigation, harvesting and threshing are main

# operations of the crops. These operations require adequate capital to get optimum yield from

# the crops. Utilization of funds under the PM-Kisan Scheme in different operations of the

# crops is presented in table-V-4. The per hectare input cost was estimated at Rs.33,003 on the

# beneficiary farms in the reference year 2020-21 out of the total operational cost of Rs.

# 4,77,875, the share of loan from the banks was 61.36% followed by 28.62% of the owned

# fund. It shows that the sample beneficiary farmers are still dependent on loans. Among the

# various operations of the crops, the maximum share of PM-Kisan Scheme was spent on

# ploughing of land being 40.55%. Next to this, fertilizers and seeds accounted for 22.69% and

# 21.01% of total fund of the PM-Kisan Scheme in 2020-21 respectively. The total fund being

# Rs. 4, 60,700 was spent in agriculture sector during 202-21. The share of ploughing,

# fertilizers and seeds jointly accounted for 84.25%. The pesticides and irrigation accounted for

# 3.36% and 4.10% respectively of the total amount of Rs. 4,60,700 under the PM-Kisan

# Scheme. It may be concluded from the result that the sample beneficiary farmers had spent

# maximum amount of PM-Kisan Scheme in ploughing, fertilizers, and seeds in the reference

# year. As far as the non-sample beneficiary farmers are concerned, table-V-4 shows th

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# total operational costs of Rs. 42,19,535 the contribution of owned fund was 48.26% followed

# by 48.77% of the borrowed amount. It shows that borrowed fund was more utilized in

# different operations of the crops by sample beneficiary farmers.

# Table-V-4

# Expenditure on different operations of crops on the Beneficiary and Non-Beneficiary

# sample farms during reference year

# Name of

# the

# operations

# Beneficiary farms Non- Beneficiary farms

# Total

# operational

# costs

# Owned

# fund

# PM

# (Kisan)

# scheme

# Loan

# from

# banks

# Other

# agencies

# Total

# operational

# costs

# Owned

# fund

# Loan

# from

# banks

# Other

# sources

# Ploughing 457612

# (100.00)

# 115406

# (25.22)

# 186800

# (40.82)

# 155406

# (33.96)

# -- 292763

# (100.00)

# 45713

# (15.61)

# 202050

# (69.02)

# 45000

# (15.37)

# Seed 657611

# (100.00)

# 180306

# (27.42)

# 96800

# (14.72)

# 380505

# (57.86)

# -- 282760

# (100.00)

# 125720

# (44.46)

# 157040

# (55.54)

# --

# Fertilizer 707612

# (100.00)

# 201512

# (28.48)

# 104550

# (14.77)

# 401550

# (56.75)

# -- 628585

# (100.00)

# 278585

# (44.32)

# 350000

# (55.68)

# --

# Pesticides 28000

# (100.00)

# 5000

# (17.85)

# 15500

# (55.36)

# 7500

# (26.79)

# -- 4900

# (100.00)

# 4900

# (100.00)

# -- --

# Irrigation 457975

# (100.00)

# 65000

# (18.19)

# 18900

# (4.13)

# 370075

# (80.81)

# 4000

# (0.87)

# 393062

# (100.00)

# 135812

# (34.55)

# 257250

# (65.45)

# --

# Machinery

# charges

# 1518190

# (100.00)

# 550190

# (36.24)

# 18000

# (1.19)

# 950000

# (62.57)

# -- 1285815

# (100.00)

# 600725

# (46.72)

# 605090

# (47.06)

# 80000

# (6.22)

# Payment

# to labour

# 688900

# (100.00)

# 235100

# (34.13)

# 8800

# (1.28)

# 441000

# (64.01)

# 4000

# (0.58)

# 657600

# (100.00)

# 400350

# (60.88)

# 257250

# (39.12)

# --

# Others 257975

# (100.00)

# 23313

# (9.04)

# 11350

# (4.40)

# 223312

# (86.56)

# -- 674050

# (100.00)

# 444730

# (65.98)

# 229320

# (34.02)

# --

# Total 4773875

# (100.00)

# 1375827

# (28.82)

# 460700

# (9.65)

# 2929348

# (61.36)

# 8000

# (0.17)

# 4219535

# (100.00)

# 2036535

# (48.26)

# 2058000

# (48.77)

# 125000

# (2.97)

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# Opinion & Views of the Sample Beneficiary Farmers

# Related to the Pros & Cons of the Pradhan Mantri

# Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme

# India has about 1.38 billion population and more than half of its population derives its

# employment from agriculture. The Indian Government launched Pradhan Mantri Kisan

# Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan) scheme in 2018 to meet monetary needs of farmers to procure

# inputs for better crop health and productivity. The present study provides the perception of

# the sample beneficiaries with respect to the pros and corns of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan

# Samman Nidhi Scheme.

# Study Objectives Research Findings PM-Kisan

# Stated Goals

# Refer Reviewed Findings

# To examine the

# differences in the

# economic level of

# the beneficiaries and

# non-beneficiaries in

# U.P under the PM-

# Kisan Samman

# Nidhi Scheme.

# Show the variations in Size

# of farm holding, occupation

# of respondents and income

# from different sources on

# sample farms respectively.

# Vulnerable landholding

# farmer families, having

# cultivable land upto 2

# hectares, will be

# provided direct income

# support at the rate of

# Rs. 6,000 per year.

# Table II-1,

# Table II-4

# and Table

# II-6

# Among the beneficiary households,

# 79.83 % were marginal farmers and

# 20.17% were small farmers. Similar

# was the trend in the case of non-

# beneficiary households. It may be

# concluded that in both the sample

# households the average size of the

# family of small farmers were lower

# than the marginal farmers.

# To analyse and

# compare the inputs,

# outputs and

# resources on the

# farms of the

# beneficiaries with

# the non-

# beneficiaries.

# respectively show

# Production and Productivity

# of different crops on the

# sample farms and cost of

# Production on Different

# Crops on the sample farms

# PM-Kisan scheme

# provided the input and

# harvesting support to

# the agricultural land

# holder.

# Table IV-1,

# Table IV-2

# & Table V-4

# The per hectare input cost was

# estimated at Rs.33,003 on the

# beneficiary farms in the reference

# year 2020-21 out of the total

# operational cost of Rs. 4,77,875, the

# share of loan from the banks was

# 61.36% followed by 28.62% of the

# owned fund. It shows that the

# sample beneficiary farmers are still

# dependent on loans.

# Among the various operations of the

# crops, the maximum share of PM-

# Kisan Scheme was spent on

# ploughing of land being 40.55%.

# Next to this, fertilizers and seeds

# accounted for 22.69% and 21.01%

# of total fund of the PM-Kisan

# Scheme in 2020-21 respectively.

# The total fund being Rs. 4, 60,700

# was spent in agriculture sector

# during 202-21.

# To evaluate the

# impact of scheme on

# farm incomes

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# & Table V-4

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# agriculture sector during

# 202-21.

# To examine the

# utilisation of the

# funds of the scheme

# by the beneficiary.

# Table V-2 and Table V-3

# Provide details of utilization

# of PM-Kisan funds

# 

# To examine the

# inconvenience faced

# by the farmers and

# implementing

# agency in receiving

# and disbursing the

# funds.

# To bring the maximum

# number of farmers under

# KCC so that they can get

# loan at a cheaper rate

# through the ISS scheme, the

# Government has been

# running a campaign for

# saturation of KCC to farmers

# since, February, 2019. The

# Govt has further taken up the

# task of covering 2.5 lakh

# crore PM-KISAN

# beneficiaries under KCC in a

# mission mode

# 

# All marginal and small landowners involved in agriculture and farm operations benefited

# from the scheme, as they are supported with Rs. 6000 per year to cover their agricultural

# needs. Interestingly, there is approximately 28.73% hike in the number of farmers benefitted

# under this scheme from 2018 to 2021-2022, and an amount of about Rs. 22,000 crores have

# been successfully transferred to the farmers’ bank account during Covid-19 lockdown. In

# addition, Rs 75,000 crores were distributed directly till August, 2020 without any

# commission to middlemen. The scheme proved to be a boon to the farmers and it should

# continue with the same pace. The performance of this scheme is also very helpful in

# stimulating the farm income of the beneficiaries. Still, the scheme requires some essential

# modifications for better implementation in longer term. The feedback of 120 sample

# beneficiary farmers has been taken into consideration in this regard which has been discussed

# in the following manners. As it has already been mentioned in the previous Chapter, 120

# sample beneficiaries were selected from 4 districts of four different economic regions of

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# Uttar Pradesh. The feedback of the farmers about their experiences related the scheme from

# all the regions have been mentioned in the following points

# 1. Almost all the sample beneficiary farmers expressed their opinions that the

# Agriculture Department of the respective districts played a crucial role in providing

# the first-hand information about the benefits of the scheme. Apart from this, radio,

# television, relatives, etc had also given the information about the scheme.

# 2. The lekhpal, Kisan Sewa Kendra and Krishi Vigyaan Kendra were the key units in

# providing the required information about the scheme.

# Constraints and Suggestions of the Scheme

# Since, this scheme is very comprehensive and has been framed in a very attractive manner,

# hence, the sample beneficiary farmers had a few complaints against this scheme which have

# been pointed out in the following sequences.

# V.1. Constraints

# 1. Almost all the beneficiaries were of the opinions that Rs.6,000 per annum is not a

# sufficient amount to procure the required agricultural inputs. It was only about 9.65%

# of the total operational costs of the crops. Therefore, they suggested increasing the

# amount of the financial assistance.

# 2. Most of sample beneficiaries faced some difficulties is getting revenue records,

# opening of bank account etc. during, the registration process under PM-Kisan

# Scheme. Apart from these wrong entry number and other mistake in Aadhar were also

# hurdle in the way of registration under PM-Kisan Scheme. It requires a special

# attention to minimize difficulties at possible extent.

# V.2. Opinion of Beneficiaries Farmers about PM-Kisan Scheme

# All the selected beneficiaries have been getting regularly the benefit from PM-Kisan Scheme

# since its inception. They were hundred percent satisfied with this scheme.

# 1. More than 90 percent of 120 sample beneficiaries expressed their views that the

# lekhpal of a village had helped us in getting registration under this scheme at tehsil

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# 5. A village wise camp should be organized at Kisan Sewa Kendra or Panchayat

# Bhawan on particular date and time. The employees of revenue, agriculture bank etc.

# at scheduled should present in camp to facilitate the registration activities. The

# eligible excluded farmers of the village will get an opportunity to enrol themselves

# under this scheme. This integrated approach will be very helpful for excluded farmers

# in getting registration under PM-Kisan Scheme.

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# Summary, Conclusion and Policy Implication

# VII.1. Conclusion and Probable Solutions

# The declaration of the benefit being transferred on-line to the Bank accounts of the beneficiary

# farmers is definitely a very good beginning for this massive scheme. As per our empirical

# analysis, it would be very difficult to take out such a populist and cost-effective scheme. But this

# centrally sponsored scheme if not executed appropriately by State Governments with adequate

# technical support, PM-Kisan may be burdened with serious confrontations. We examine few of

# them and suggest probable solutions:

# 1. Upbeat role of Banks: There are reports that after the loan waiver in Maharashtra or

# transfer of first instalment to the Bank accounts of farmers under KALIA scheme in Odisha,

# concerned bank branches adjusted the deposit money against past liabilities of few farmers (read

# Implementation challenges of PM-Kisan, February 4, 2019, The Times of India). Such situations

# may result in subversion of the objectives of the income support scheme, i.e. to assist the

# farmers with some disposable cash for purchase of inputs. Banks concerned in primary sector

# lending or disbursement of crop loans, require to sensitive on their vital role in implementation

# of PM-KISAN. Guidelines from Government and RBI should evidently define these points.

# 2. Powering IT Structure for Better Support: Evidently States with vigorous

# computerized land records data base and a good IT infrastructure will be better placed to

# implement PM-Kisan. With ICT usage and direct transfer of money to farmers’ bank accounts,

# pilferage would also be less. Farmers without bank accounts may be promoted to open ‘no-frills’

# accounts under the Jan-Dhan Yojana. Linking Aadhaar data base.

# 3. Targeting benefits and Updated Land Records: The PM-Kisan is planned to

# promote small and marginal farmers. In many States, land records are not updated on a regular

# basis and as a result, there could be instances where cultivating farmers would have partitioned

# their holdings from other family members, but the land records if not updated may deem them to

# be a disclaimer. Such genuine cases need to be addressed by revenue authorities so that eligible

# farmers are not deprived. Parallelly, fraudulent claims should also be avoided.

# 4. What happens to lessee cultivators? The Union Budget has not openly declared

# about the benefits under PM-Kisan accruing to lessee cultivators or share- croppers. Odisha

# revenue laws fail to recognize tenant farmers, but the recently KALIA scheme gives

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# Rs. 10,000 per such sharecropper/lease holder per year. But the problem remains to identify such

# lessee cultivators. It is anticipated that transfer of PM-Kisan benefits to land owners may reduce

# the lease amounts presently being collected from the lessee cultivators.

# Aadhaar is well placed in India to aim the beneficiaries to stop leakages and make sure efficient

# and effective delivery of benefits under PM-Kisan. Given the political dynamics of India, the

# income support scheme is sure to be long-standing, hence it is advisable to implement it with

# suggested reforms ideas since inception.

# The liquidity constraints, lack of information, credit etc. are the major hurdles in the way of

# the better adoption of the modern techniques in the agriculture. In order to remove the

# liquidity constraints, the financial support to farmers under PM-Kisan Scheme is one of best

# programmes of Government of India for welfare of poor and resource less farmers. The cash

# transfer of Rs. 6000 per annum to the eligible farmers under this scheme encouraging the

# financial strength for the beneficiaries to spend more money on the purchase of the

# agricultural inputs. It is also fruitful in the adoption of the modern techniques in agriculture.

# It is very helpful in easing the credit and liquidity constraints in purchasing the agricultural

# inputs. In addition to this, the PM-Kisan Scheme is better than waiving of the loans. It is also

# observed that out of the total farmers of the country, one fifth procure the agricultural inputs

# on credit. It is a very promising scheme for the overall betterment of the farmers. At the

# initial stage of the scheme, it was only for the small and marginal farmers possessing some

# cultivable land up to 2 hectares. From June 2019, it was extended to all the 140 million

# farmers of the country. As per the data of the Govt. of India, 50 million farmers of the

# country have been covered under the PM-Kisan Scheme by 15th September, 2019. The cash

# under this scheme is transferred directly through the DBT system in the bank accounts of the

# beneficiaries. This has no involvement of any middlemen in transferring the cash amount in

# the accounts of the beneficiaries.

# More than 10 crore, 46 lakh farmers of the country have been covered under this scheme

# during 2018-19, of which the share of U.P is highest being 26.93% followed by Maharashtra

# (10.96%), Madhya Pradesh (8.62%), Bihar (8.01%), Rajasthan (7.54%), Gujarat (6.20%) and

# Andhra Pradesh (5.57%). More than 2 crore 56 lakh farmers of U.P have been covered under

# this scheme till 2021. Out of total transferred benefit amount of Rs. 26475652 of the country

# under the PM-Kisan Scheme during 2018-19, the share of U.P was 42.24% which was

# highest among all the other states of the country. The main theme of this scheme is to raise

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# the farm income of the farmers to use the better-quality inputs and adopt the latest techniques

# in the crops.

# In order to know the impact of the scheme on farm income of the beneficiaries, a study had

# been conducted by the Agro-Economic Research Centre, University of Allahabad, Prayagraj

# in 2021 taking 2020-21 as the reference year.

# VII.2. Socio-Economic status of Sample Beneficiaries and Non-beneficiaries

# Almost all the sample beneficiaries (98.34 percent) possessed up to 2 hectares land. While in

# case of non-sample beneficiary’s 99.17 percent had owned upto 2 hectares land. It shows that

# the sample farmers were generally small and marginal. Out of total respondents of sample

# families only 66.67 percent was educated and rest 33.33 percent was illiterate. The

# educational level was also very limited among the respondents of sample beneficiary

# families. The illiteracy still persists among the farmers. The population per sample family

# was 6.73 against 5.93 of non-sample beneficiary family. The main occupation of sample

# beneficiaries as well as non-beneficiaries was agriculture. As far as employment opportunity

# is concurred, the sample beneficiary families as well as non-sample beneficiary families had

# received maximum employment in non-agriculture sector as compared agriculture sector. Out

# of total 340 members of 120 samples beneficiary family’s 53.24 percent was engaged in non-

# farming activities against 46.76 percent engaged in farming activities.

# VII.3. Land Utilization and Cropping Pattern on the Sample Farms

# It is evident from analysis of data that entire land of sample beneficiary and non-sample

# beneficiary farmers were fully under cultivation in the reference year. Per farm owned land

# was 0.71 hectare on the sample beneficiary farms against 0.60 hectare on non-sample

# beneficiary farms. None of the sample beneficiary and non-beneficiary farmer had leased-out

# their land during the reference period. The leased-in and leased-out land was not so prevalent

# in the study areas. All the cultivated land of sample beneficiary and non-sample beneficiary

# farms were fully irrigated. The main source of irrigation was owned/private tube-wells and

# canal. On account of this, the cropping intensity was 168.20 percent and 179.01 percent on

# beneficiary and non- beneficiary farms respectively. The sample beneficiary and non-

# beneficiary farmers had sown almost all the Kharif and Rabi crops on their farms in the

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# Among the crops, cereals, pulses and oilseeds had occupied 77.35 percent, 18.70 percent and

# 3.95 percent to G.C. on the sample beneficiary farms respectively. Paddy and wheat jointly

# accounted for 77.35 percent of G.C. on the sample beneficiary farms. Among the crops,

# wheat had occupied maximum share being 45.07 percent of G.C. followed by 32.28 percent

# of paddy on the sample farms. More or less the same cropping pattern was also noticed on

# non-sample beneficiary farms. It shows that cropping pattern was more favourable to wheat

# and paddy on both sample farms. Among the oilseeds, groundnut and mustard were also

# dominant crops on both sample farms during the same period.

# The maximum attention was devoted to paddy and wheat crops by sample farmers. These two

# crops have very limited risk than pulses and oilseeds. The farmers spend more money on

# paddy and wheat is compared to pulses and oilseeds due to assured return from these two

# crops.

# VII.4. Cost of cultivation of different crops on the sample farms

# The maximum attention was paid to wheat and paddy by the sample beneficiary as well as

# non-beneficiary farmers. Per hectare cost of production of wheat and paddy was estimated at

# Rs. 33,244 and Rs. 40,583 on sample beneficiary farms respectively. In case of non-sample

# beneficiary farms, per hectare cost of production of wheat and paddy was Rs. 38,831 and Rs.

# 37,937 respectively during reference year. It shows that cost of production per hectare of

# wheat and paddy was more or less same on both sample farms. Out of total input costs of all

# crops on sample beneficiary farms was Rs. 47,73,875 the maximum cost was incurred on the

# purchase of material inputs being 38.77 % followed by 31.80 %, 14.43 % and 15.00 % on

# machinery, labour and other charges respectively. It shows that the sample beneficiary

# farmers had given due weightage to the purchasing of seeds, fertilizers and pesticides.

# The analysis also indicates that out of total per hectare costs of production of all the crops on

# the sample beneficiary farms in 2020-21 was worked out to be Rs. 33003 the share of PM-

# Kisan Scheme was only 9.65%. This was due to the diversion of the funds to unproductive

# purposes.

# VII.5. Pattern of Utilisation of Funds of the PM-Kisan Scheme

# All the selected 120 beneficiaries have been regularly getting Rs.6, 000 per annum from

# 2019-20 to 2020-21, under this scheme. The data reveals that out of Rs.7,20,000 of the PM-

# Kisan Scheme during 2020-21, Rs.4,60,700 (63.99%) was used in agriculture while the rest

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# Rs.2,59,200 (36.01%) was used in non-agriculture sectors. It is also witnessed that out of

# total amount being Rs.4, 60,700 of agriculture sector the maximum amount of 40.82% was

# spent on ploughing followed by 22.69% and 21.01% on fertilizers and seeds respectively.

# While the pesticides, irrigation, machinery, labour and other charges accounted for 15.48% of

# the total agriculture fund under the PM-Kisan Scheme. It is also noticed that out of total

# amount of Rs.2, 59,300 was used in unproductive purposes. The maximum amount was spent

# being 39.30% on health followed by 27.02%, 20.25%, 9.53% and 3.90% on the social

# ceremonies purchase of non-agricultural assets, construction of house and others respectively

# during 2020-21. Thus, medicines and social ceremonies jointly accounted for 66.32% of total

# amount of Rs. 2, 59,300 marked for unproductive purpose. The beneficiaries were also

# interested in purchasing non-agricultural assets. The maximum amount of PM-Kisan Scheme

# was spent on wheat and paddy crops.

# The pulses and oilseeds did not get due weightage under the PM-Kisan Scheme. The analysis

# of the data of utilisation of the funds of the PM-Kisan Scheme reflects that the timing of the

# instalments and spending pattern are very closely related to each other. The beneficiaries who

# received the instalments of the PM-Kisan Scheme in the peak of the agricultural season spent

# mostly on agricultural purposes. The availability of the funds of the scheme in off-season

# agriculture is generally spent on non-agriculture sectors. No doubt the PM-Kisan Scheme has

# been playing a significant role in enhancing the production and income of crops on the

# beneficiary farms which is proved by the following analysis of the data.

# VII.6. Production and income of the beneficiary farms Vs. Non-Beneficiary farms

# I) Per hectare yield

# The sample beneficiary farmers and the non-sample beneficiary farmers had attached more

# attention to two crops only that were paddy and wheat. Therefore, the comparative analysis is

# confined to paddy and wheat crops only. Per hectare yield of paddy was 54.58 qtls on sample

# beneficiary farms while it was 52.90 qtls on sample-non beneficiary farms, thereby showing

# 3.08% increase over the per hectare yield on non-sample farms. Per hectare yield of wheat

# was estimated at 43.05 qtls on sample beneficiary farms against 42.22 qtls per hectare yield

# on non-sample farms showing 1.93% increase over the per hectare yield on non-sample

# beneficiaries. It shows that per hectare yield of paddy and wheat was higher by 3.08% and

# 1.93% on sample beneficiary farms respectively than the per hectare yield of paddy and

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# II) Net Income

# The farm income on beneficiary farms has been compared to farm income of non-beneficiary

# farms to know the impact of the PM-Kisan Scheme. The per household net income was

# estimated at Rs. 48,334 of the beneficiary farms in the reference year against Rs. 43,573 per

# household income on non-beneficiary farms, thereby showing 9.85% increase over non-

# beneficiary farms. The per capita net farm income was worked out to be Rs. 7,178 on

# beneficiary farms against Rs.7,354 of the non-beneficiary farms. This shows that the per

# capita income of the beneficiary farms was lower than that of the non-sample beneficiary.

# The per hectare net farm income was worked out to be Rs. 4,00,098 on beneficiary farms

# against Rs. 40,082 on non-beneficiary farms in the reference year. It shows that the per

# hectare net farm income was higher only by 0.04% on the beneficiary farms over the non-

# beneficiary farms. This shows that the impact of the PM-Kisan Scheme was positive but not

# that significant in the reference year. It shows that the impact of PM-Kisan Scheme on the

# farm income of the beneficiary farms was very negligible due to the large amount being

# utilised in non-agricultural purposes. Even then, financial support of Rs. 6,000 per annum to

# the beneficiary farmers under the scheme has been encouraging farmers to purchase seeds,

# fertilizers, pesticides etc for getting optimum production of the crops. It is helpful in

# increasing the risk-taking capacity of the farmers. Overall, this scheme is a boon for the

# farmers.

# VII.7. Policy Implications

# The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) as a new Central Sector Scheme has

# been designed to provide income support to all landholding farmers' families in the country to

# supplement their financial needs for procuring various inputs related to agriculture and allied

# activities. Thus, under this scheme, all landholding farmers' families shall be provided the

# financial benefit of Rs. 6000 per annum per family payable in three equal installments of Rs.

# 2000 each, every four months.

# Based on the empirical findings, the study elucidates the following policy brief for

# consideration:-

# 1. The scheme specifically focuses on marginal and small farmers but the landless crop

# sharers and the tenants remain excluded though they shoulder the farming

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# o ensure proper targeting of beneficiaries, absentee landlordism should be identified

# and caution ensured to device innovative procedures to eliminate them as they do not

# function as primary cultivators or tillers of land.

# 3. Fund Diversion and its use in unproductive or non-agricultural purposes leads to

# failure of designated aim of the scheme. Novel ways of transfer of funds in the form

# of reimbursement of bills incurred on purchase of urea, fertilizers, seeds etc. could in

# a way curb conspicuous consumption of cash funds. Seeds, fertilizers, pesticides etc.

# could also be made available in kind (through vouchers or stamps) under this scheme

# instead of cash transfer.

# 4. As this scheme is only a support scheme for the farmers to help them in distress and is

# not expected to cover cost of cultivation (A2 cost) is not rationally justified. But

# empirically our sample beneficiary farmers opined that the amount disbursed under

# PM-Kisan needs to be raised upto Rs. 12,000/-

# 5. The primary job of the Department of Agriculture is to capacitate the farmers and the

# department is responsible for disbursement of PM-Kisan funds. Now, as they are

# totally involved in PM-Kisan and their primary function to train and provide input

# and technological support to the farmers needs to be brought to forefront.

# The already existing mechanisms of disbursement of input and technical support like

# government seed and pesticide stores, fertilizers cooperative societies, and other such

# government bodies should facilitate in provision of kind/ input assistance in form of

# seed, fertilizers, micro-nutrients etc. to farmers. This may help to check diversion of

# funds for non-agricultural purposes as mentioned above.

# 6. Leakages need to be tapped. Selection of bogus and fraud beneficiaries should be

# sorted out from the list of genuine beneficiaries. It has been found that the wife and

# husband both have been included in the list of beneficiaries. Apart from this, the

# employees and pensioners were also taking the benefit under PM-Kisan Scheme.

# These beneficiaries are now not entitled to get the benefits under this scheme. It is

# totally against the operational guideline of PM-Kisan Scheme. Identification should

# be verified at village level to get authentic verification.

# 7. Simplified Registration Process: The registration procedure should be more simplified

# in order for universal coverage. Most of sample beneficiaries had faced some

# difficulties in getting revenue records, opening of bank account etc. during, the

# registration process under PM-Kisan Scheme. Apart from these wrong entry n

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# and other mistakes in Aadhaar were also creating hurdles in the way of registration

# under PM-Kisan Scheme.

# 8. The role of K.V.K needs to be effectively ensured in promoting the farmers for

# adoption of modern techniques in agriculture. Empirical revelations impinge on the

# fact that in general practice the scientists of K.V.K. did not approach remote villages

# of the selected districts during the study period.

# 9. Land Records need to be Digitalized and Updated: It requires a special attention to

# minimize difficulties at possible extent. Land records if not updated on a regular basis

# may result in selection of in false cases. There could be instances where cultivating

# farmers would have partitioned their holdings from other family members, but the land

# records if not updated may deem them to be a disclaimer. Such genuine cases need to be

# addressed by revenue authorities so that eligible farmers are not deprived. Parallelly,

# fraudulent claims should also be avoided.

# 10. Monitoring and review committee at state, district, block and village levels should be

# organized on regular basis to solve the grievances and problems of beneficiary and

# non-beneficiary farmers. The list of registered beneficiaries under this scheme should

# be published at village level to ensure full transparency. The farmers of the village

# who are eligible but have not been included in the beneficiaries list should get an

# opportunity to present their case.

# 11. Dissemination of Information on the Scheme and Its Utility: Regular awareness

# programmes should be organized at village level to propagate the benefit of PM-

# Kisan Scheme. Compressive efforts should be made to link huge number eligible

# farmers with this scheme. Village camps may be organized at Kisan Sewa Kendra or

# Panchayat Bhawan on particular date and time. The employees of revenue,

# agriculture bank etc. at scheduled should present in camp to facilitate the registration

# activities. The eligible excluded farmers of the village will get an opportunity to

# enroll themselves under this scheme. This integrated approach will be very helpful

# for excluded farmers in getting registration under PM-Kisan Scheme.

# 12. With direct transfer of money to farmers’ bank accounts, pilferage would also be less.

# Farmers without bank accounts may be promoted to open ‘no-frills’ accounts under the