

The government on Tuesday said it has constituted a chief ministers' sub-group to coordinate policy approaches for agriculture and [MGNREGS](#) with the Madhya Pradesh CM Shiv Raj Singh Chauhan as the convener.

Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Sikkim along with [NITI Aayog](#) member Ramesh Chand are the members of the subgroup, an official statement said.

The move comes against the backdrop of the vision of [Prime Minister Narendra Modi](#) towards doubling farmers' income by 2022 which requires a multi-dimensional and inclusive approach, it added.

At the fourth meeting of the Governing Council of [NITI Aayog](#) on Sunday, approaches with special emphasis on pre-sowing and post-harvest interventions using [MGNREGS](#) were sought for creating durable assets that double incomes of farmers and reduce agrarian distress.

According to the statement, the terms of reference of the sub-group include suggesting a wider choice of state-specific interventions both for pre-sowing and post-harvest to further improve the thrust on incomes, water conservation and waste to wealth.

Other terms of reference include making recommendations on interventions of [MGNREGS](#) that can facilitate reduction of agrarian distress including work availability, wage rates and seasonality as also to explore the possibilities of MGNREGS as a livelihood resource for development and diversification of income of small and marginal farmers specially belonging to SC/ST households.

The statement further said sub-group will submit its report within three months from its date of constitution.

The first meeting of the sub-group is expected to be held within the next month, as per the convenience of the chief minister of Madhya Pradesh, it added.