

Chhattisgarh

Chhattisgarh Assembly invalidates Centre's Farmer Bills

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What's in the bill?

- Introducing the amendment bill in the House, state's agriculture minister Ravindra Choubey said it is aimed at protecting farmers of the state from fluctuating market prices and payment risks.
- Amendments have been made in the Mandi Act so that farmers can get better prices against their produce.
- The bill has provision to safeguard the interests of the farmers and at the same time it doesn't violate any Central laws, thus avoiding confrontation with the Centre, he said.
- The minister said the state government could have brought an ordinance and enforce the law but looking at the present scenario across the country, the state decided to call this special session for the purpose, he added.

What is deemed market?

- The state government may, by another notification, declare/establish deemed market which shall be known as deemed market of the market established under sub-section (l) for the purpose of this Act, sale-purchase, processing and manufacturing, cold storage, silos, warehouse, electronic trading and transaction platform and other such places or structures, in respect of the agricultural produce specified in the schedule.
- The state consists of eighty percent small and marginal farmers. T
- he small and marginal farmers do not have the capacity to bargain on its prices in the market and to store food grains.
- Therefore, it became necessary to establish 'Deemed Mandi (Market)' and electronic trading platform. It benefits farmers so that they can get the right price for their produce without being impacted by market fluctuations.

What are the key provisions of the bill? (Include only the content under the heading KEY PROVISIONS)

- The key provisions of the Chhattisgarh Agriculture Produce Market (Amendment) Bill, 2020 include formation of deemed mandis (including acquisition of private produce markets as deemed markets) and electronic payment systems as necessary.

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