

Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan (PM AASHA)

Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved a new Umbrella Scheme “**Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan’ (PM AASHA)**”. The Scheme is aimed at ensuring remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce as announced in the Union Budget for 2018.

PM-AASHA will provide MSP assurance to farmers A reflection of Government’s commitment to the “**Annadata**”.

Components of PM AASHA Scheme 2018

The new Umbrella Scheme includes the mechanism of ensuring remunerative prices to the farmers and is comprised of

- Price Support Scheme (PSS),
- Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS)
- Pilot of Private Procurement & Stockist Scheme (PPPS).

The other existing schemes of Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) for procurement of paddy, wheat and nutri-cereals/coarse grains and of Ministry of Textile for cotton and jute will be continued for providing MSP to farmers for these crops.

Outlay of PM AASHA Scheme 2018

- The Cabinet has decided to **give additional government guarantee of Rs.16,550 crore making it Rs. 45,550 crore in total.**
- In addition to this, **budget provision for procurement operations has also been increased and Rs. 15,053 crore is sanctioned for PM-AASHA implementation.** The scheme henceforth is a reflection of Government’s commitment and dedication to our ‘**Annadata**’.

More about Components of PM AASHA Scheme 2018

- In **Price Support Scheme (PSS)**, physical procurement of pulses, oilseeds and Copra will be done by Central Nodal Agencies with proactive role of State governments.
- It is also decided that in addition to **NAFED, Food Cooperation of India (FCI)** will take up PSS operations in states /districts.
- The procurement expenditure and losses due to procurement will be borne by Central Government as per norms.
- **Under Price Deficiency Payment Scheme this scheme (PDPS)**, it is proposed to cover all oilseeds for which MSP is notified.
- In this direct payment of the difference between the MSP and the selling/modal price will be made to pre-registered farmers selling his produce in the notified market yard through a transparent auction process.
- The Government is committed to realizing the vision of doubling farmers’ income by 2022.

Important Terms related to PM AASHA Scheme 2018

- **PM AASHA:** Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan
- **PSS:** Price Support Scheme
- **PDPS:** Price Deficiency Payment Scheme
- **PPPS:** Pilot of Private Procurement & Stockist Scheme
- **DFPD:** Department of Food and Public Distribution
- **MSP:** Minimum Support Price
- **FCI:** Food Corporation of India
- **NAFED:** National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India