

23rd Installment of PM Kisan Yojana Released

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Today, the 23rd installment of the PM Kisan Yojana was released by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, from Tarakeswar in Hooghly, West Bengal. Across the nation, more than ₹18,880 crore in financial assistance has been transferred to the bank accounts of over 9.44 crore farmers. Out of this, over ₹692.86 crore has been disbursed today to more than 34.64 lakh beneficiaries in Odisha.



The PM Kisan Yojana is a flagship farmer welfare scheme of the country. Under this Central Government initiative, farmers can utilize the financial aid to purchase seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, and other essential agricultural inputs. Eligible farmers receive a total of ₹6,000 annually in three equal installments. To honor the "Annadatas", this day is being celebrated across the nation and the state as 'Rashtriya Krushak Utsav Divas.'

The state-level event for the distribution of PM Kisan assistance, organized by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment, was held at the Mahtab Bhawan Town Hall in Rairangpur, Mayurbhanj district. Addressing the farmers, Deputy Chief Minister and Minister of Agriculture, Farmers' Empowerment, and Energy, Shri Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, stated that Odisha is one of the states in India where the government is procuring paddy from farmers at ₹3,100 per quintal, even during the Rabi season. He noted that over the last two years, the state's farmers have successfully grown and exported fruits and vegetables to foreign countries, earning good income and bringing the vision of "If the farmer smiles, the nation smiles" to reality.

Deputy Chief Minister Shri Singh Deo warned that there is a possibility of an 'El Niño' impact this year and advised farmers to cultivate short-duration crop varieties to ensure that their production remains unaffected. Furthermore, in line with the Prime Minister's call for 'Atmanirbhar' (Self-

reliance), he encouraged farmers to increase the cultivation of pulses and oilseeds in the state. He assured that the government would procure these crops from farmers at the Minimum Support Price (MSP), which will help make Odisha self-reliant in pulses and oilseeds.

The Commissioner-cum-Secretary of the Agriculture Department, Shri Sachin Ramchandra Jadhav, delivered the welcome address, urging all eligible farmers to register themselves under the PM Kisan Yojana to avail the benefits. Hon'ble H&UD Minister Dr. Krushna Chandra Mahapatra attended the event. Director, Agriculture Shri Shubham Saxena and other senior departmental officials were present at the event to provide guidance to the farmers regarding the scheme. The event was also broadcast across all Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), national agricultural institutions, and central and state agricultural universities throughout the state.

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