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Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) (State Series)

Four awards for Himachal Pradesh for good performance under PM-KISAN

9,83,279 farmer families got DBT of Rs. 1931.63 crores in HP under PM-KISAN

(Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare)

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"PM Kisan Samman Nidhi and other schemes related to agriculture are giving new strength to crores of farmers of our country."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Farmers of India have always played a vital role in the economic development of our country. Over the last eight years, there has been a paradigm shift in the Indian agriculture sector. The government has focused on protecting farmers from various risks, extending income support, improving access to information, and building forward linkages. This has led to the modernization of Indian agriculture and a substantial increase in farmer incomes.

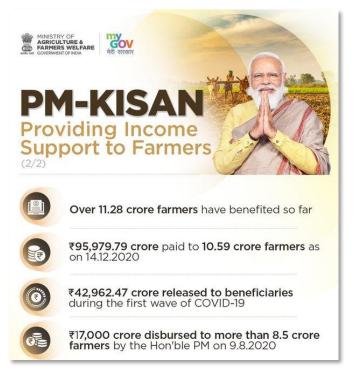
### **PM-KISAN – Providing Income Support to Farmers**

In 2019, the Government of India launched the <u>PM Kisan Samman Nidhi</u> (<u>PM-KISAN</u>)<sup>1</sup> to provide an assured cash transfer of Rs. 6,000 per year to each farmer.

This supplemental income received through regular instalments has enabled even small farmers to purchase better quality inputs, improve their land productivity, and increase their income.

### **PM-KISAN** Achievements

As on August 31, 2022, 11.37 crore farmers have benefited under this scheme and funds amounting to more than **Rs. Two lakh crores** in 11



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1800851</u>

instalments have been released to the eligible beneficiaries.

The scheme was initially meant for Small and Marginal Farmers (SMFs) having landholding of up to two hectares but scope of the scheme was extended to cover all landholding farmers with effect from 01.06.2019.

PM-KISAN also helped to effectively mitigate the adverse effects of the COVID-19 pandemic by frontloading the scheme's instalments for FY 2020-21. An amount of <u>Rs. 1.29 lakh crores</u> has been released during the pandemic (as on February 23, 2022).

# **Efforts Made to Improve the Implementation of PM-KISAN**

Since, the inception of this scheme, a set of technological and process advancements have been done in the scheme so that maximum number of beneficiaries can take the advantage of the same in an efficient way:

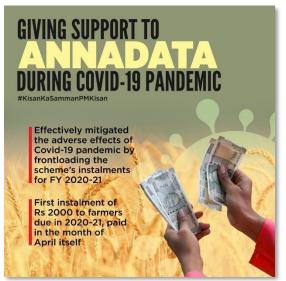
• <u>Self-registration Mechanism</u>: Process of self-registration of beneficiaries has been made simple and easy through a Mobile App, PM KISAN portal and walkins via Common Service Centers in order to give the maximum benefit to the farmers.



- Enhanced Recovery Mechanism: In case of an ineligible beneficiary, recovery mechanism has been made very smooth and transparent which does not require a demand draft or a 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 which involves setting up of a central Project Management Unit of PM-KISAN at the Centre. 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.
- **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 a beneficiary for physical verification has been totally automated and no manual intervention is required.
- **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 Aadhaar authentication:** To make this whole process more transparent and authenticated, Aadhaar validation has been made compulsory. <u>As of February 24,</u> 2022, the data of 11.20 crore beneficiaries is Aadhaar-seeded in the scheme.

# **Implementation of PM-KISAN in Himachal Pradesh**

PM-KISAN has empowered the farmers of Himachal Pradesh and has helped them by enabling them to buy good quality seeds, manure and equipment. With the successful implementation of PM-KISAN, over <u>9,83,279 farmer families</u><sup>2</sup> have been provided with Direct Benefit Transfer of Rs. 1931.63 crores in the state in 11 instalments (as on June 26, 2022).



# **Support to Farmers During Pandemic**

PM KISAN had also proved beneficial to farmers of Himachal Pradesh even during the Covid pandemic.

An amount of about Rs. 11.27 crores was released to provide relief to farmers of the state during the pandemic period and as many as 93246 farmers had also registered during the period.

# HP Bags Multiple Awards for Good Performance under PM-KISAN

Himachal Pradesh was honoured with four awards, one State Award and three District Awards for good performance under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi<sup>3</sup> (PM-KISAN) Scheme in different categories by the Department of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Government of India on the second anniversary of the launching of the scheme on February 24, 2021.



Himachal Pradesh bagged State Award for good performance in physical verification and grievances redressal under the category of North-East States and hilly terrain areas. The State

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Himachal Pradesh Government

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> http://himachalpr.gov.in/OnePressRelease.aspx?Language=1&ID=20974

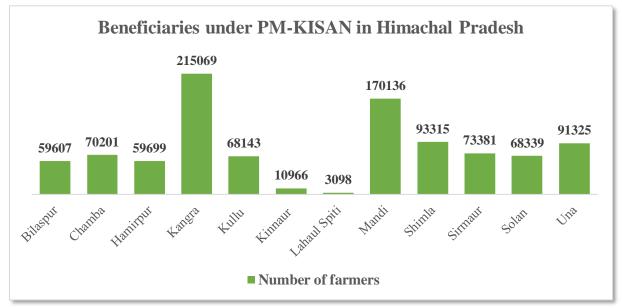
has completed 75% of physical verification of beneficiaries and 56% grievances had been redressed under PM-KISAN scheme before February 24, 2021.

In addition to this, three districts of the State were honoured with the award under the category of North-East States and hilly terrain areas.

- Lahaul & Spiti received the award on the parameters of Aadhaar-authenticated beneficiaries.
- Sirmaur district was awarded for grievances redressal.
- Kangra district for physical verification of beneficiaries.

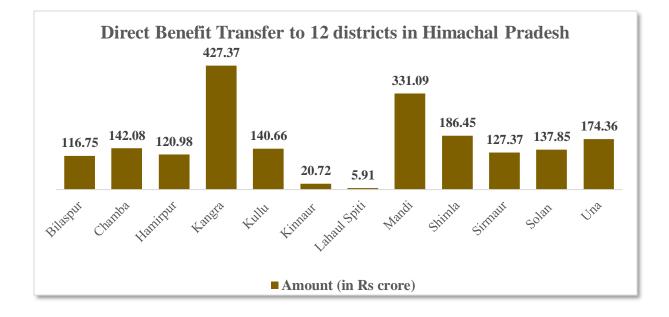
# Details of farmers benefited under PM-KISAN (as of June 26, 2022)

- Rs. 116.75 crores has been directly transferred into the bank account of 59,607 farmers in district Bilaspur
- Rs. 142.08 crores has been directly transferred into the bank account of 70201 farmers of district Chamba



- Rs. 120.98 crores has been directly transferred into the bank account of 59699 farmers of district Hamirpur
- Rs. 427.37 crores has been directly transferred into the bank account of 215069 farmers of district Kangra
- Rs.140.66 crores has been directly transferred into the bank account of 68143 farmers of district Kullu
- Rs. 331.09 crores has been directly transferred into the bank account of 170136 farmers of district Mandi
- Rs. 186.45 crores has been directly transferred into the bank account of 93315 farmers of district Shimla

- Rs. 127.37 crores has been directly transferred into the bank account of 73381 farmers of district Sirmaur
- Rs. 137.85 crores has been directly transferred into the bank account of 68339 farmers of district Solan
- Rs. 174.36 crores has been directly transferred into the bank account of 91325 farmers of district Una.
- Rs.20.72 crores has been directly transferred into the bank account of 10966 farmers of district Kinnaur
- Rs. 5.91 crores has been directly transferred into the bank account of 3098 farmers of district Lahaul Spiti



### Conclusion

Over the last eight years, the central government has taken numerous measures to empower farmers across India. Among all the states in India, Himachal Pradesh has emerged as one the front runners in implementation of the scheme and has also been one of the major beneficiaries of PM-KISAN. Apart from PM-KISAN, the government has also implemented a number of schemes to improve the financial hardships faced by the farmers of Himachal Pradesh.

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