

## Price Support Scheme (PSS)

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The Union Agriculture minister recently approved a move to procure moong and urad in Madhya Pradesh and urad in Uttar Pradesh under the Price Support Scheme (PSS).

### About Price Support Scheme

- It is implemented by the Government of India **under India's umbrella scheme "PM-AASHA"** (Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan), **launched in 2018**.
- **Implemented by:**
  - The **Department of Agriculture & Cooperation** implements this scheme **for procurement of oilseeds, pulses, and cotton, through the** National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED), which is the **Central nodal agency, at the MSP** (minimum support price) declared by the government.
  - In addition to the **NAFED**, the Food Corporation of India (**FCI**) **will take up PSS operations in states/districts**.

- **What are the Benefits?**

- **When the price of commodities falls below the MSP, State and central notified procurement nodal agencies purchase commodities directly from the farmers at MSP** under FAQ (Fair Average Quality).
- By this way prices of the main commodities are procured and protect the farmers against the economical loss in farming.
- **Procurement** under PSS is **continued till prices stabilize at or above the MSP**.
- The **procurement expenditure and losses** due to procurement will be **borne by the Central Government** as per norms.

## **Key Facts about Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan**

- It is an **umbrella scheme** aimed at **ensuring remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce**.
- PM AASHA has **three components**, and **states can choose whichever one they wish to implement**.  
The three components are
  - **Price Support Scheme (PSS)**
  - **Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS):**
    - Under PDPS, it is proposed to **cover all oilseeds for which MSP is notified**.
    - **Direct payment of the difference between the MSP and the selling/model price** will be made **to pre-registered farmers selling his produce in the notified market yard through a transparent auction** process.
    - All **payments** will be done **directly into the registered bank account** of the farmer.
    - This scheme **does not involve any physical procurement of crops**, as farmers are paid the difference between the MSP price and the Sale/model price on disposal in the notified market.
    - The support of the central government for PDPS will be given as per norms.
  - **Pilot of Private Procurement and Stockist Schemes (PPPS):**
    - **In addition to PDPS**, for oilseeds, **states have the option to roll out PPSS** on a pilot basis in **selected districts/Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMCs)** of districts **involving the participation of private stockists**.
    - This scheme will **allow private players to participate in the procurement** of crops.
    - **The pilot district/selected APMC(s)** of the district will **cover one or more crops of oilseeds for which MSP is notified**.
- **Only one scheme, i.e., PSS or PDPS**, may be **made operational in one State with respect to one commodity**.

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