

# Regional Meeting of Northern States on MSP for Rabi Crops (Season 2027-28) Held at Chandigarh

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A regional meeting of Northern States under the Chairmanship of Prof. Vijay Paul Sharma, Chairman, Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), Government of India, was successfully held on 13th May, 2026 at Kisan Bhawan, Dakshin Marg, Chandigarh to deliberate upon the Price Policy for Rabi Crops for the marketing season 2027-28.



The meeting was attended by Member Secretary, CACP; Member (Non-Official), CACP; representatives of Agriculture and Food & Supplies Departments from Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh; progressive farmers and other concerned officials. Addressing the gathering, Prof. Vijay Paul Sharma stated that the objective of the meeting was to obtain suggestions and recommendations from States and farmers for fixation of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Rabi crops, ensuring remunerative prices to the farming community. He emphasized that inputs from farmers and State Governments play a vital role in formulation of the agricultural price policy.

Detailed deliberations were held on various issues affecting agricultural price policy including cost of production, changes in input prices, price parity between inputs and outputs, market price trends, inter-crop price parity, supply and demand situation, impact on industrial cost structure, general price level and cost of living. Representatives from different States shared their views and recommendations during the meeting. On behalf of Haryana, the meeting was attended by Dr. R. S. Chauhan, CEO, HKKP and Smt. Vandana, Research Fellow, HKKP along with two progressive farmers namely Sh. Tranjit Singh from Village Mankkyan, District Panchkula and Sh. Ravi from Village Dukheri, District Ambala.

During the meeting, Dr. Chauhan presented several key suggestions before the Commission. It was highlighted that the All-India weighted average cost often masks higher production costs in states like Haryana due to higher labour and irrigation expenses. Haryana suggested that CACP should consider state-specific production costs or provide an additional “top-up” support for high-cost regions.

The Haryana delegation also proposed introduction of a “Natural Farming Premium” of about 20-25 percent above the standard MSP for produce grown under certified natural farming practices. It was emphasized that



such an incentive would compensate farmers for initial yield gaps and higher manual labour requirements involved in chemical-free cultivation. Concerns regarding rising inflation and increasing input costs such as diesel, fertilizers and farm machinery were also raised. Haryana further suggested introduction of an indexation mechanism for volatile agricultural inputs so that MSP may be revised in case of sudden increase in production costs after MSP announcement.

The progressive farmers from Haryana also shared their practical experiences and demanded timely procurement, assured purchase of all notified crops at MSP, strengthening of irrigation infrastructure, promotion of crop diversification, special incentives for natural farming and enhanced awareness regarding Government schemes at village level. Dr. Chauhan apprised the house about the status, targets and achievements of the Agriculture Department & Pradhikaran, Haryana and emphasized the State Government's continuous efforts towards farmer welfare, crop diversification and promotion of sustainable agricultural practices.



The meeting concluded with assurance from the Chairman, CACP that all suggestions and recommendations received from States and farmers would be duly considered while finalizing recommendations for MSP of Rabi crops for the marketing season 2027-28.