

## Regional Meeting of Northern States on Price Policy for Rabi Crops for the Marketing Season 2026-27

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2025

**Venue:** PWD Rest House, Sector-1, Panchkula.



The Regional Meeting for Northern Region on the formulation of the Price Policy for Rabi Crops for the 2026–27 Marketing Season was organized by the Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran under the aegis of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), Government of India. The meeting was held in the Conference Hall of PWD Rest House, Sector 1, Panchkula. Prof. Vijay Paul Sharma, Chairman, Commission for

Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) chaired the meeting. Apart from him, Dr. Prem Chand, Member Official, CACP; Shri Ratan Lal Daga, Member, Non-Official, CACP; Shri Cyriac George, Member Secretary, CACP; Sh. Virender Singh Badkhalsa, Officer on Special Duty to Chief Minister, Haryana; Dr. R. S. Chauhan, the Chief Executive Officer, Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran; Sh. Raj Narayan Kaushik, IAS & Director, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Haryana; Dr. R. S. Solanki, Addl. Director (Stat.) A&FWD, Haryana; representatives of Agriculture Department and Food Supplies from Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh; Farmers Representatives and other concerned officials attended the meeting. The Chairman CACP informed the house about the objective of the meeting i.e. to gather inputs and feedback from major stakeholders from Northern region for formulating Price Policy for Rabi Crops for the Marketing Season-2026-27 covering Wheat, Barley, Gram, Lentil (Masoor), Rapeseed/Mustard and Safflower and to ensure participatory decision-making by engaging with farmer representatives and officials from Northern Region States.

The meeting commenced with a welcome address by Dr. R. S. Chauhan, the Chief Executive Officer, HKKP, highlighting the significance of MSP in ensuring remunerative returns to farmers. Sh. Raj Narayan Kaushik, IAS & Director, A&FWD, Haryana highlighted the current status of Rabi crop production in Haryana, especially focusing on wheat and mustard, the major crops of the state. In his address, Sh. Virender Singh Badkhalsa, Officer on Special Duty to Chief Minister, Haryana, said that the evolving challenges of agriculture in Northern India must be



addressed, be it the rising cost of inputs, the need for fair and remunerative pricing or the urgent transition toward sustainable and climate-resilient farming practices. The state of Haryana fully supports the rationale for a balanced MSP policy that safeguards farmer incomes while encouraging crop diversification and ecological responsibility.



Dr. Chauhan through his presentation on behalf of Haryana, shared updated statistics on area sown, yield trends and procurement figures for Rabi crops during the 2024–25 season and projections for 2025–26. Strong recommendation to increase MSP of wheat, barley, mustard and gram for 2026–27, in line with inflation, climatic challenges and comparative state performance. He requested the CACP to

provide an MSP bonus of 10–25% over regular MSP for natural farming produce. Each state representative presented a brief overview of Rabi crop performance, prevailing production costs, procurement issues and farmer feedback. They also provided suggestions regarding MSP revisions for 2026–27. The key suggestions were focused on expanding procurement, farmer registration and village-level outreach through mobile procurement vans; enhanced MSP awareness through radio, print and village campaigns; significant procurement of pulses and oilseeds like Gram, Mustard and Lentil, with efforts to remove procurement bottlenecks; suggested state-level procurement for crops like millets and local pulses; proposed natural farming promotion, irrigation development and farmer welfare schemes; proposed a 5–10% hike in MSP for wheat and barley; recommended 25% MSP bonus for hill farmers due to higher cultivation costs and terrain challenges; suggested improvements in irrigation (micro-irrigation), mechanization and crop diversification; a minimum 10–25% bonus over the declared MSP for rabi crops grown through certified natural farming practices and requested CACP to recommend a centrally funded component under the MSP scheme to support this bonus for natural farming produce. Farmer representatives shared on-ground realities and their concerns, particularly about the rising cost of inputs, marketing infrastructure and the need for timely procurement and payments.

In his concluding remarks, Chairman, CACP, Prof. Vijay Paul Sharma assured everyone that the CACP remains committed to ensuring that MSP policy remains farmer-centric, economically viable and environmentally sustainable. The Commission's recommendations will consider both quantitative data and the ground realities shared in the meeting by the state representatives and the farmers.

