



Union Agriculture Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan participates in Farmers' Conference at Nagaur, Rajasthan

“Viksit Bharat – G Ram G will transform India’s villages” – Shri Chouhan

Union Minister Shri Chouhan says conspiracy is being hatched to intimidate workers and spread misinformation

Union Minister Shri Shivraj Singh hands over sanction letter of over ₹2,000 crore under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana to Rajasthan Chief Minister Shri Bhajanlal Sharma

Allocation of ₹100 crore to 18,500 beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin)

Over ₹187 crore transferred through DBT into bank accounts of 35,800 farmers of Rajasthan

Over ₹617 crore of agricultural input subsidy transferred directly into bank accounts of more than 5 lakh farmers for disaster management and civil security

₹151 crore transferred into bank accounts of 5 lakh milk producers of the state

Financial assistance of ₹1.20 lakh provided to low-income and economically weaker rural families for construction of permanent houses and basic amenities

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Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan today transferred financial assistance under various schemes into the bank accounts of farmers during a massive Farmers' Conference held at Merta City in Nagaur district of Rajasthan. On the occasion,

Rajasthan Chief Minister Shri Bhajanlal Sharma, Rajasthan Agriculture Minister Dr. Kirodi Lal Meena, Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Shri Avinash, Minister of State for Revenue Shri Vijay Singh, Chairman of the Farmers' Commission Shri C. R. Chaudhary, Member of Parliament Ms. Mahima Kumari, and MLA Shri Laxman Ram Ji Kalaru were also present.

Addressing the conference, the Union Agriculture Minister said that Rajasthan has created a new history of development over the past two years. He said that an amount of ₹2,089 crore has been released today for the construction of 12,600 roads in the state. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, a new India is emerging. He said that the nation is moving rapidly towards building a glorious, prosperous, wealthy, strong, developed and self-reliant India (Atmanirbhar Bharat).



Shri Chouhan said that the agricultural sector in Rajasthan is witnessing rapid development. High-yielding, climate-resilient new varieties of seeds have been developed at a fast pace in the state. At the same time, significant progress has also been made in reducing the cost of production.

Praising the efforts of the state government, the Union Minister said that under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, the state government has provided an additional amount of ₹3,000 along with ₹6,000. Farmers have benefited from this total assistance of ₹9,000, which has helped reduce the cost of agricultural production.



Shri Shivraj Singh said that over the past two years, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Rajasthan has received ₹29,000 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. He said efforts have also been made to remove shortcomings in the crop insurance scheme. A provision has been made to ensure that if insurance companies delay claim settlements, they will have to pay 12 per cent interest directly into farmers' bank accounts.

The Union Agriculture Minister also referred to the Minimum Support Price (MSP) and said that under the leadership of the Prime Minister, MSP has been doubled. This year, the central government has approved the procurement of approximately 3.05 lakh metric tonnes of moong worth nearly ₹2,680 crore from Rajasthan. He said that procurement of 5.54 lakh metric tonnes of groundnut will also be undertaken, and procurement of 2.65 lakh metric tonnes of soybean is currently underway. He assured that whenever required, the central government will ensure fair prices for farmers and will not allow any shortfall in MSP procurement.



Union Minister Shri Chouhan also spoke about the newly enacted ‘Viksit Bharat – G Ram G’ law and said that the opposition is indulging in baseless criticism of it. He said the reality is that this law will transform India’s villages. Under the leadership of the Prime Minister, an excellent scheme has been formulated, giving equal importance to the welfare of workers and the well-being of farmers. He said that under the new law, the number of employment days has been increased from 100 to 125 days.

Shri Chouhan said that a conspiracy is being hatched to intimidate workers and spread confusion. He stated that during the earlier UPA period, more than ₹40,000 crore allocated for MGNREGA remained unspent, whereas under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, expenditure under MGNREGA has reached up to ₹1.11 lakh crore annually. For the current year, the proposed budget allocation for the scheme is approximately ₹1,51,282 crore.



The Union Minister said that Gram Panchayats have been given a major role under the new law, which is why the term 'Viksit Bharat' has been added to its name. Gram Panchayats will now prepare development plans for their villages. Under this scheme, villages will be developed as poverty-free and employment-oriented. The people of the villages themselves will decide the development roadmap. Over a period of five years, around ₹7.5 lakh will be spent per village under this scheme.

He said that water conservation works have been given priority under this scheme. An important provision has also been included to ensure that if workers are not paid their wages on time, interest will also have to be paid. Administrative expenditure has been increased from 6 per cent to 9 per cent to ensure timely payment of salaries to employment assistants, panchayat secretaries, technical assistants and other staff. An amount of ₹13,000 crore will be spent annually under this head. The Union Minister said that the scheme has also been designed keeping in mind labour requirements during harvesting, sowing and peak agricultural seasons.

Union Agriculture Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan further said that there are plans to introduce two more important Bills in the next session of Parliament, including a Seed Act and a Bill to prevent the use of fake fertilisers and spurious manure. He also said that stringent penalties will be imposed on those who dupe farmers.

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