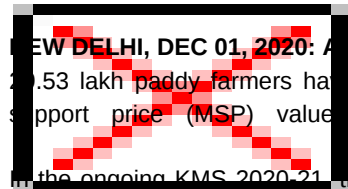


30 lakh paddy farmers benefit from Kharif Marketing Season Procurement Operations

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29.53 lakh paddy farmers have benefitted from the ongoing Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) Procurement Operations with the minimum support price (MSP) value of over Rs 59,837 crore, said the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on Monday.

In the ongoing KMS 2020-21, the government has continued to procure Kharif 2020-21 crops at its MSP from farmers in Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Uttarakhand, Tamil Nadu, Chandigarh, Jammu and Kashmir, Kerala, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Maharashtra.

The government purchased over 316.93 LMTs of paddy up to 29 November, seeing an 18.6% increase compared to last year's procurement of 267.22LMT.

Out of the total purchase of 316.93 LMT, Punjab alone has contributed 202.74 LMT which is 63.97% of the total procurement, the ministry said.

Based on the proposal from the states, approval was accorded for procurement of 45.24 LMT of pulses, oilseeds and copra from several states.