

Fixed base price for certain Agricultural products in Kerala

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Kerala announces base price for certain Agricultural products

Salient features of the scheme

- In order to protect farmers from price fluctuations, State government of Kerala has fixed base price for 16 agricultural items



- **The scheme would come in to effect from November 1**
- Agricultural items covered under the scheme would be have price which is 20% above the production cost of the vegetable
- According to the scheme, if the market price dipped below the base price of a vegetable, the **produce would be procured at the base price and the money transferred to farmers' accounts.**
- The **produce would be graded on quality, and the base price fixed on that basis**
- **Local self-government institutions would have an important role to play in** the scheme as they would

coordinate the procurement and distribution of vegetables.

- **The scheme would benefit a farmer with cultivation on a maximum of 15 acres in a season.**
- **Farmers would have to register on the Agriculture Department's registration portal** after insuring the crop to get the benefit of the base price.
- Initially though, the registration would not be mandatory for farmers intending the procurement to happen through primary agricultural credit cooperative societies.
- Under the scheme, the procured produce would be sold through the department's markets or the societies' marketing network.
- Any excess produce would be converted into value-added products.
- The scheme also envisaged setting up of supply chain processes such as **cold-storage facilities and refrigerated vehicles.**