

Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan

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Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) aims to **ensure Minimum Support Price (MSP) to farmers of notified oilseeds and pulses qualifying Fair Average Quality (FAQ) norms**. PM-AASHA is an umbrella scheme comprising **Price Support Scheme (PSS), Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS) and Private Procurement & Stockist Scheme (PPSS)**. These schemes are implemented at the request of the State Governments/ UTs.

Features of the Scheme

▪ PSS:

- . **Physical procurement of pulses, oilseeds and copra will be done by central nodal agencies** with the proactive role of state governments.
- . In addition to **NAFED, the Food Corporation of India (FCI)** will take up PSS operations in states/ districts.
- . The procurement **expenditure and losses** due to procurement will be **borne by the central government**.

▪ PDPS:

- . It **does not involve any physical procurement but envisages direct payment** of the difference between the MSP and the selling/ modal price to pre- registered farmers.
- . PSS is implemented for procurement of pulses, oilseeds and copra at MSP, whereas **PDPS is implemented for oilseeds**. However, States/ UTs may choose either PSS or PDPS in a given procurement season with respect to a particular oilseed crop for the entire State.

- **PPSS:**

. It is akin to PSS, in that it **involves physical procurement** of the notified commodity.

. PPSS is also **implemented for oilseeds** on pilot basis and States have the option for implementation of PPSS in district/selected APMC(s) of district involving the **participation of private stockists.**

. However, if **farmers** get better prices in comparison to MSP, they are **free to sell their produce in the open market.**