

Farmers' Perceptions regarding Decentralized Procurement Scheme for Procurement of Wheat in Madhya Pradesh

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The Central Government extends price support to wheat and paddy through Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State Agencies. Procurement at MSP is open ended i.e., whatever food-grains are offered by the farmers, within the stipulated procurement period and which conforms to the quality specifications prescribed by Government of India, are purchased at MSP (and bonus/incentive, if any) by the Government agencies including FCI for central Pool. The study was confined in Hoshangabad and Vidisha district of Madhya Pradesh on beneficiaries' farmer with decentralized procurement scheme of wheat and found that with the commencement of procurement of wheat at regional level by the Govt., the majority of respondents reported that most of their problems related to production and marketing of wheat have been resolved. Due to the introduction of procurement of wheat under DCP scheme the average production of wheat was found to be increased by 0.13 per cent in the year 2021 the perception of farmers about procurement of wheat under DCP scheme, the cent per cent of respondents reported that they were found to be aware about MSP followed by they have predictability of Government procurement (82.78%) and quality parameters prescribed for procurement of wheat (45%). The majority of them also reported that government used to procure wheat beyond 15 days after harvesting followed by within 15 days and within 7 days of harvesting of wheat from their field. Hence, it can be concluded from these findings that majority of respondents were found to satisfied with the effective execution of the decentralized procurement of wheat and they allocated more area under cultivation after implementation of scheme in the State.