

Govt planning e-registration for PM KISAN to speed up implementation



New Delhi: The government is planning to introduce online registration for PM KISAN to speed up implementation of the income-support scheme for farmers. It is also designing a system for the implementation of the farmers' pension scheme, announced after the first cabinet meeting of the new Modi government.

The government gives 6,000 a year to all farmers under PM KISAN. Under the voluntary pension scheme, 3,000 per month would be offered to farmers attaining the age of 60, with an entry age of 18-40 years.

"We plan to introduce the option of online registration, where farmers can apply online from any common service centre. The form then can be verified online by the respective patwaris or any authorised official of the gram panchayat. This will stem corruption and result in fast implementation of this scheme," said a senior agriculture department official.

He said there were a lot of rejections of applications due to information mismatch and illegible forms. "Online registrations will keep a check on this. Since the gamut of this scheme has been widened after extending this scheme to farmers irrespective of landholding, it has become all the more necessary to open the option of online application for fast disposal," he said, adding that online registration would work parallel to the existing system.

Currently, farmers deposit their forms at gram panchayats where the patwaris or other authorised people verify the information. "We have come to know about many incidents where farmers had to follow up officials and extend favour for getting the verification done. By going online, these incidents will reduce in numbers," he said. The government so far has enrolled 36.6 million beneficiaries. Of these, 30.3 million have been paid the first instalment of 2,000 and 19.9 million have got the second instalment as well.

"After opening this scheme for all farmers, the number of beneficiaries across the country is estimated to be 145 million. Taking every farmer under the net would be a time-consuming exercise. We would introduce processes which can curtail the time," he said.

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