

# Procurement of farm produce begins

## Rajasthan to pay minimum support prices

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Hot on the heels of the Congress' padyatra demanding a blanket crop loan waiver, the Bharatiya Janata Party government in Rajasthan has started procurement of agricultural produce, including moong, urad and soyabean, on minimum support prices (MSP).

The State government has also made arrangements for online registration of farmers.

Cooperative Minister Ajay Singh Kilak said here on Wednesday that a total of 169 procurement centres had been established across the State, as the government was "committed to giving remunerative prices" to the farmers.

He said the procurement of groundnut would start by mid-October.

The Minister said as many as 10,152 farmers had got themselves registered for selling their produce within the first two days. The payment would be credited online to their bank accounts, while the date of procurement would be automatically allotted if the produce weighed more than

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25 quintals, he said.

Over 30 procurement centres would be established in 12 districts for groundnut, said Mr. Kilak.

Meanwhile, the padyatra led by Pradesh Congress president Sachin Pilot entered the Jhalawar district, which is the home turf of Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje, on its second day on Wednesday. The family members of some farmers, who had committed suicide recently, accompanied him in the march.

The padyatra had raised the demand for farm loan waiver, fixing of MSP at levels 50% more than the weighted average cost of production, payment of bonus for all agricultural produce and bringing all crops within the ambit of MSP.