

## Self-Reliance in Pulses Mission

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### Why in News?

The Union Agriculture Minister reviewed NAFED procurement operations and discussed Self-Reliance in Pulses Mission to ensure assured MSP procurement and boost domestic pulses production.

- **Aim** - Achieve self-reliance in pulses production and strengthen MSP procurement.
- **Launched in** - 2025, also known as Dalhan Aatmanirbharta Mission.
- **Nodal Ministry** - Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.
- **Objectives**
- **Self-Sufficiency** - Increase pulses production to 350 lakh tonnes and cultivation area to 310 lakh hectares.
- **MSP Assurance** - Ensure **100% procurement of Tur, Urad, Masoor for four years.**
- **Import Reduction** - Reduce dependency on imports and strengthen Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- **Key Features**
- **Seed Support** - Distribution of 88 lakh free seed kits and 126 lakh quintals of certified seeds.
- **High-Yield Varieties** - Promotes climate-resilient, pest-resistant, high-yield pulse varieties.
- **Infrastructure** - Strengthen procurement centres and post-harvest storage.
- **Cluster Approach** - Use cluster-based cultivation, seed hubs, and FPOs for efficiency.
- **Technology** - Implement **SATHI Portal for seed traceability** and quality monitoring.
- *e-Samridhi, developed by the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) to streamline the procurement process from farmer registration to final payment.*
- **Operational Strategy** - States prepare five-year seed production plans, monitored by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) (2025-31).
- Expand pulses into rice fallows and suitable lands, promote intercropping and diversification.
- **Status of Pulses Production in India - India is the world's largest producer and consumer of pulses.**
- Production increased from 192.6 lakh tonnes (2013-14) to 252.38 lakh tonnes (2024-25), reflecting a growth of around 31%.

- But, Imports still 47.38 lakh tonnes (2023-24).
- **Major Producing States** - Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka

## Quick Facts

### Price Support Scheme (PSS)

- Component of PM-AASHA to ensure remunerative prices for farmers.
- **Launched in** - 2018
- **Mechanism** - Central agencies like NAFED and FCI physically procure pulses, oilseeds, and copra from farmers with the active participation of State governments.

### Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF)

- **Launched in** - 2014-15 under the Department of Consumer Affairs to regulate price volatility of pulses, onions, and potatoes.
- **Objective** - Maintain strategic buffer stocks for calibrated release to moderate prices, discourage hoarding, and stabilize markets.
- **Mechanism** - Provides interest-free working capital to NAFED, Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium, and State/UT agencies for domestic procurement, market intervention, and imports when needed.

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