

Status of 'PM-KISAN Samman Nidhi' exclusions in Telangana

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About the Report:

The Govt. of India is transferring 2,000/- to all eligible farmers under 'PM-KISAN Samman Nidhi'(PM KISAN) towards 10th instalment benefits across the country from 1st January 2022. The transfer will be complete tentatively by the end February 2022. In this context, we analysed PM KISAN aggregate level information for 38,39,545 farmers from Telangana along with transaction level information for 34,633 farmers(Data crawled on 7th January 2022).

The objective of this report is to sensitise the government, civil society and media on the current status of rejections and exclusions in PM KISAN in Telangana.

Key Statistics:

- 39,34,691, Total registered farmers in PM KISAN.
- 6558 Cr Rs, sum the farmers are entitled to receive, (Estimate)
- 6165 Cr Rs, payment received by the farmers In sum, (Estimate)
- 4.7 lakhs, Farmers who missed either part or full instalments, (Estimate)
- 393 Cr Rs, amount yet to be received by farmers, (Estimate)
- 8,360/- Average amount due to farmers who have received part or no instalments (Estimate)

1. What is the number of farmers who are missing their PM KISAN entitlements in Telangana?

The total number of farmers who are missing their instalments is 4.7 lakhs(among the registered 39.3 lakhs) and they are missing an estimated Rs. 393 Cr.

2. What are the key reasons for exclusions?

Sno	Rejection Reason	No. of farmers affected (Lakhs)*	Farmers affected (%)	Amount Due(Cr)
1	Bank Rejection and other related issues	3.0	64.0	269.0
2	Rejected due to ineligibility	0.7	14.6	47.6
3	Action required by the state	0.6	13.4	41.8
4	Aadhaar Number not verified	0.4	8.3	34.6

- Numbers corrected upto first decimal.

However, According to PM KISAN MIS, out of 58.6 lakh farmers expected to be registered for PM KISAN benefits in Telangana, only 39.3 lakh farmers are registered so far(as on 7th January 2022) thereby excluding 17.3 lakh farmers.

2. What are Bank Rejections?

Bank rejections are like bounced cheques. In cases of Bank Rejection, the amount transferred into the farmers account doesn't get credited into farmers accounts and gets rejected due to technical issues. Bank rejections in 'Account based payments system' happens when the Bank account details of the farmer are wrongly entered in MIS or the farmer's Bank account is inoperational for a long time resulting in A/c Blocked or Frozen etc..

3. What are 'Rejected due to ineligibility' cases?

'Rejected due to ineligibility' cases essentially mean that MIS has declared them as 'ineligible'. Although the farmer is registered for the scheme, he/she is declared ineligible due to 'Death of farmer' or Income Tax payees etc..

4. What are 'Action required by the state' cases?

In the PM KISAN database, there is no clearly mentioned reason why the payments are put on hold for this category. In the absence of clearly mentioned reasons the farmers are disempowered to resolve the problem and get the payments.

5. What are Aadhaar Number not verified cases?

They occur when the Farmers' details on MIS are not matching with the Aadhaar details.

6. What needs to be done for resolution?

'Bank Rejections' and 'Aadhaar not verified cases' constitute about 73% of exclusions. We found, from July 2021 to December 2021, only 9.6% of Bank Rejection cases are resolved in Telangana. We also found these cases are pending for resolution from 60 days to 1061 days.

The responsibility of resolution rests primarily with the state officials. The block officials need to collect the farmers Bank account details/ Aadhaar details and enter the details in their login for resolution depending on the specific rejection reason. Unfortunately the agricultural dept. Is not taking initiative in the resolution. It's important to note that the farmers are entitled to receive their pending payments whenever they resolve their problem as mentioned in MIS.

The agriculture department needs to organise special campaigns for the registration of missing farmers in PM KISAN.

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