

A STUDY ON RYTHU BANDHU SCHEME IN MAHABUBNAGAR DISTRICT

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INTRODUCTION:

Rythu bandhu scheme also frames 'investment support scheme is a welfare program to Supports farmer's investment for two crops a year by the Government of Telangana. The Government is providing 58.33 lacs farmers, 4000 per acre per season to support the farm investment, twice a year Rabi and Kharif seasons. Investment is the surest way to enhance agriculture productivity and also income to the farmers, besides breaking the vicious cycle of rural indebtedness. In order to ensure that the farmers do not fall again in to the debt trap, a new scheme called "Agriculture Investment Support Scheme" ("Rythu bandhu") is proposed to be implemented from the year 2018-19 Kharif season onwards to take care of initial investment needs of every farmer. A budget of Rs.12,000 Crores has been provided for the financial year 2018-19 by Government of Telangana. Relieving the Farmers from debt burden and not allowing them to fall in the debt trap again, Rythu bandhu Scheme is proposed by Government of Telangana for providing Investment Support Agriculture and Horticulture crops by way of grant of Rs.4,000/- per acre per farmer each season for purchase of inputs like Seeds, Fertilizers, Pesticides, Labour and other investments in the field operations of Farmer's choice for the crop season. The scheme was announced by the Chief Minister of Telangana, K. Chandrashakar Rao at Farmers Coordination Committee (Rythu Samanvaya Smithy) conference at Prof. Jayashankar Agriculture University on 25 February 2018. An allocation of Rs.12,000 crores was made in 2018-19 state budgets. It was launched on 10 May 2018 at Dharmarajpalli village in Karimnagar. If a farmer has a lot of field such that they are due more than Rs.49, 000 then they get a second check for the remaining amount. The scheme offers a financial help of Rs.8, 000 per year to each farmer (two crops). There is no cap on the number of acres, and most of the farmers are small and marginal.

The Telangana Government's Rythu Bandhu Scheme to provide investment support to every farmer has become part of national agenda of action, Governor E.S.L.

Narasimhan said on Saturday. Addressing the joint session of both Houses of the state legislature, he said the scheme has become a role model for several states and has earned praise even in the international arena "It is a matter of pride that UN Food and Agriculture Organization praised this scheme. Several states are preparing to adopt it," he said. "Farmers are happy as they are getting Rs.8, 000 per acre annually, at the rate of Rs.4,000 per acre per crop," said Narasimhan. He said the scheme was one of the several steps initiated by Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) Government.

MAHABUBNAGAR: The State Governments prestigious RythuBhandu scheme was launched by Pocharam Srinivas Reddy, Minister for Agriculture, C Laxma Reddy, Minister for Health, SrinivasGoud, MLA, Mahabubnagar, and A P Jitender Reddy, Mahbubnagar Lok Sabha member, at Katravpally village under Makthal mandal on Thursday. While speaking on the occasion, Srinivas Reddy said this day should be written in golden letters in the history of farm sector in the country. While distributing the pattadar passbooks and Rythu Bhandu cheques to the farmers at Government school at Katravpally, the minister said, "There are more than 70 per cent people who are depending on farming .And about 58 lakh farmers are tilling an extent of 1.473 crore acres of agriculture land are benefited, The Government was distributing Rs.5.630 lakh crore under the Rythu Bandhu," said the minister.

There are five benefits of Rythu bandhu scheme:

1. Rythu Bandhu Scheme takes care of the initial investment of each farmer.
2. Removes debt burden of farmers.
3. Empowers farmers.
4. End of farmer land disputes.
5. Farmers would never fall in debt trap.

NEED OF THE STUDY:

Telangana Government's Rythu Bandhu (Farm input assistance) has got international acclaim and is hailed as a success story by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. RythuBandhu is recognized by UNO as the success stories and will be exhibited at the International Symposium on Agricultural Innovation for Family Farmer.

This plan is established in Telangana state; some states are following this scheme. As well as this scheme as recently implemented by the central Government.

OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY:

- To examine the awareness and satisfaction levels of Rythu bandhu scheme.
- To evaluate that Rythu bandhu scheme amount utilized for agriculture
- To study various benefits of Rythu bandhu scheme.

SCOPE OF STUDY:

The scheme offers a financial help of 8,000 per year to each farmer (two crops). There is no cap on the number of acres, and most of the farmers are small and marginal. The total farming land is 1.43 crore acres and the number of farmers in the state stood at 58.33 lakh. Around 55% of population in Telangana makes a living from agriculture.

REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE:

Rythu Bandhu scheme aims at farmer's empowerment. It is also India's "first ever farmer investment support" scheme. Some of the key features of the scheme include:

- Grant of Rs 8000 per acre to all Telangana farmers with land titles every year, i.e. Rs 4000 per crop season.
- The money is disbursed by two equal pay-order cheques issued ahead of the two crop seasons.
- Telangana Government allocated Rs 12000 crore in the current budget for the scheme.
- The scheme aims to benefit around 58 lakh farmers of Telangana.
- Under the scheme, there is no upper limit of land holding for farmers to avail benefit of the scheme.
- The scheme is expected to benefit around 1.42 crore acre land of the state.

MAHBUBNAGAR:-

RythuBhandu Scheme has provided a great succor to the farming community in Mahbubnagar district during this Kharif season. The farmers feel that the need run from

place to place to borrow money to start farm operations. With Government giving Rs 4,000 per an acre, the farmers are happily preparing and making plans in advance for Kharif season. Chander Nayak, a farmer from Shankarayapally village under Jadcherla mandal, is jubilant as he has got Rs 40,000 for his 10 acres of land. “The Rythu Bhandu scheme is a great help being extended by the Government for the farmers.

Eligibility Criteria for Rythu Bandhu Scheme:

- Telangana state farmers are eligible to get the benefit of RythuBandhu Scheme.
- Farmers who won the farm plot will get benefits of this scheme.
- Farmers working on rental contract (tenant farmers) are not eligible for financial support.
- Small and margin agricultural labours are eligible for Rythu Bandhu scheme.
- Wealthy agricultural labours are not allowed for this scheme.
- Pattadar registered under Forest Rights Record can apply for this scheme.

Advantages of RythuBandhu Scheme:

- Rythu Bandhu Scheme takes care of the initial investment of each farmer.
- Farmers would never fall in debt trap
- Removes debt burden of farmers.
- Empowers farmers.
- End of farmer land disputes.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:

Data collection: In the present study the data has been collected from readily available sources that are primary and secondary data.

Primary data: The data is collected by questionnaire.

Secondary data: The data which is already available for the study is known as secondary data. The data is collected from different sources like, Websites.

SAMPLE:

- Sample size is 40
- Sample method is Random sampling
- Research design is Descriptive research design
- 25 respondents are male and 15 respondents are female

STATASTICAL TOOLS:

- **PERCENTAGE METHOD:** In this paper percentage method test is used

FINDINGS&CONCLUSIONS:

The compositions of age group respondents are 8 are from 16-30, 13 are from 31-45, 16 are from 46-60 and 3 are 61 above age groups respectively. The respondents primary source of income are 27 from agriculture, 9 from drivers and 4 are homemakers. It is found that only one respondent doesn't have benefit from Rhytu bhandu scheme. The respondent opined that the scheme is exclusive only for Agriculture 26 respondents believe and 14 were rejected the statement. It is found that 35 respondents faced the problems in this scheme only 5 did not face. Only 24 respondents are satisfied with the rythu bandhu scheme. The composition of respondents according to land size are 24 are from below 5 acres of land, 6 are above 5 and below 10 acres of land, 8 are above 10 to below 15 acres of land and 2 are above 15 acres of land having the scheme. This scheme was introduced in 2018; it was originated to support the farmers of the Telangana state. In this scheme the farmers will get the financial support twice a year. The idea behind this scheme was to support the farmers so that their productivity could increase and ultimately the State's output or GNP increases. The crops which will be benefited from this scheme are Rabi and Kharif crops. People can actually donate in this scheme in order to help the farmers better.

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