

**CHIEF MINISTER'S OFFICE  
GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA**

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Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri K. Chandrashekar Rao on Thursday declared that the government would provide financial assistance of Rs 4,000 per acre to the farmers in Telangana State to purchase fertilizer. From the next financial year, every year before the Kharif season in the last week of May the amount will be deposited into the bank accounts of farmers. After the state government has announced the loan waiver, farmers across the State from all the districts came in large numbers to meet the CM at Pragathi Bhavan and personally thank him for the gesture. Agriculture Minister Sri Pocharam Srinivas Reddy made the inaugural address on the occasion. In this meeting, Nizamabad MP Smt. Kavitha, Mission Bhagiratha Vice Chairman Sri Vemula Prashanth Reddy, Government Whips Sri Gampa Govardhan, Sri Palla Rajeshwar Reddy, MLAs Sri Bajireddy Goverdhan, Sri Enugu Ravinder Reddy, Sri Jeevan Reddy, Sri Shakeel and others participated.

The CM has addressed farmers on the occasion. "We all have struggled to get a separate Telangana State. During the agitation, several people have made fun of us in many ways and insulted us. Despite this, we have struggled for the Telangana State and got it. As if we had a last laugh, in Telangana there is brightness and prosperity among the people. Farmers' situation used to be in deep distress then. It was like waiting for a bright tomorrow which never came. We have decided to bring in a qualitative change among the lives of farmers. This is the reason why we wanted to give water to 1 Crore acres of land in the State. We are reviving Tanks through Mission Kakatiya and supplying quality power for nine hours. Even in the peak of summer, we are giving quality power. We have made plans to fill Nizamsagar with water from Medigadda. We are filling up the Tanks and are completing various projects on a fast track. We will give water to 1 Crore acres of land come what may," the CM took a vow.

"Unprecedented in the country, we have waived loans of 36 lakh farmers amounting to Rs 17,000 Crore. Now farmers have become debt free. I feel very happy now. As we have mentioned repeatedly during the Telangana agitation, the State's financial situation is strong and its prosperity on the increase. These benefits should reach farmers and I think I am fortunate to have the opportunity to serve farmers. I want to do more for the farming community. We are supplying seed and fertilizers to farmers on time along with 9 hours free and uninterrupted power supply. We are encouraging micro irrigation by giving more subsidies. We waived the loans. Inputs are a burden on

farmers and we want to share it too. This is the reason why we have made a historical announcement today. There are about 55 Lakh farmers in the State who are using 25 Lakh tonnes of fertilizer. The government will give them Rs 4,000 per acre to each for the procurement of fertilizer. From the next financial year onwards, every year in the last of week of May this amount will be deposited in the accounts of farmers. This programme will be implemented cent percent transparently. For this, farmers should form into Associations at the village level. These farmers associations should monitor all issues and programmes of farmers and agriculture, the CM said.

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