

‘PM-KISAN Samman Nidhi’ Status of Exclusions and Rejections Andhra Pradesh

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About the Report:

Govt of India introduced PM-KISAN Samman Nidhi'(PM KISAN) scheme in 2018 to provide input subsidy to all eligible farmers. As part of the benefits under the scheme, the farmers will receive a sum of 6,000/- per agricultural year across three installments of 2,000/- each. The transfer of 10th installment is currently underway from 1st January 2022 and will be complete by the February end.

In this context, we analysed PM KISAN aggregate level information till 9th installment for 56.2 lakh farmers and used it to estimate the details for the registered 59.1 lakh farmers from Andhra Pradesh. We used transaction level information for 2.4 lakh farmers(Data crawled on 24th January 2022) for estimating the 'Rejections and exclusions'.

The objective of the exercise is to sensitise the government, civil society and media on rejections and exclusions in PM Kisan in the state of AP.

Key Statistics:

- 59,06,097 Total registered farmers in PM KISAN.
- 9603.3 Cr Rs, sum the farmers are entitled to receive, (Estimate)
- 8203.7 Cr Rs, payment received by the farmers In sum, (Estimate)
- 15.2 lakhs, Farmers who missed either part or full installments, (Estimate)
- 1343.5 Cr Rs, amount yet to be received by farmers, (Estimate)
- 8839/- Average amount due to farmers who missed part or full installments (Estimate).

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

The total number of farmers who are missing their installments is 15.9 lakhs (among the registered 59.1 lakhs) and they are missing an estimated Rs. 1,399.7 Cr. However the Govt declared 70,000 farmers as ineligible owing to 'Death of farmers' and 'income Tax Payees'. Barring ineligible cases, 15.2 lakh farmers are missing 1343.5 Cr Rs towards their installments.

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	7.2	47.3	672.3
2	Action required by the state	7.7	50.7	640.7
3	Aadhaar Number not verified	0.3	2	30.5

However, actual exclusion could be much higher. According to PM KISAN MIS, 83.92 lakh farmers are expected to be registered for PM KISAN benefits in Andhra Pradesh, but only 59.06 lakh farmers are registered so far (as on 25th January 2022) thereby excluding 24.86 lakh farmers. This is pending for investigation from our side.

3. What are Bank Rejections?

In PM Kisan, payment transfers happen in two ways. 1. Account payments 2. Aadhaar Payments. Bank Rejections do happen in both types of payment transfers.

Bank rejections are like bounced cheques. In cases of 'Bank Rejection', the amount transferred to the farmers Bank account doesn't get credited 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 unoperational for a long time resulting in A/c Blocked or Frozen etc. Whereas the Bank rejections in the 'Aadhaar payment system' happen due to National Payment Corporation of India(NPCI) mapping related issues.

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 not able to resolve the problem and receive their due 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 is the status of resolution from July 2021 to December 2021?

We examined 33,526 farmers with 'Bank Rejections' and 'Aadhaar not verified cases' in July 2021 to estimate the number of cases that have been resolved over the last 6 months. We found only 12.5% cases were resolved.

We also found some of these cases waiting for resolution for more than 1060 days.

7. What needs to be done for resolution?

Bank Rejections: The responsibility of resolution rests primarily with the state officials of the Agricultural dept. The block officials need to update the farmers' Bank account details in PM Kisan login for resolution depending on the specific rejection reason for Account payment cases and facilitate NPCI Mapping for DBT with the banks in Aadhaar payment cases. The 'Dept of Agriculture' should come up with guidelines for resolution of these cases and share them with the frontline officials. It's important to note that the farmers are entitled to receive all their pending payments whenever they resolve their 'Bank Rejection' problem.

Action required by the state: The state should publish the exact reasons why the payments are put on hold in this category and also specify the process of resolution.

Aadhaar Correction cases: The agriculture dept. officials need to update the farmers Aadhaar details in PM Kisan MIS by collecting details from the farmers facing this problem.

Registrations: The state government should organise special camps to enroll farmers who are not registered in PM Kisan so far.

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