

PM KISAN in Telangana

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Introduction

The Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMman Nidhi scheme, popularly known as PM KISAN scheme was launched by the government of India in 2018 to provide income support to farming families. Under this scheme, each farmer's family is entitled to receive ₹ 6000 per annum. This amount is paid in 3 instalments of ₹ 2000 to all registered farmers through direct benefit transfers (DBT) to their bank account. All accounts are vetted through various steps for valid Aadhar cards and bank accounts before the states check their eligibility to receive the amount.

About the Report

The objective of this report is to provide a snapshot of the PM KISAN scheme's implementation in the state of Telangana. Many farmers are unable to receive the benefits owing to delays in approval, data errors, Aadhar based rejections and various transaction failures beyond their locus of control.

This report examines PM KISAN's implementation in the 32 districts in Telangana . Data available in the public domain has been used for this report. We used the data available as on 26-08-2021 for the 8 installments from December, 2018 to July, 2021. Through this report, we have attempted to capture the successes in implementation of the scheme as well as some of the barriers to its effective enactment. We hope our observations and subsequent recommendations contribute towards improving the programme and providing much needed relief for farmers in the State.

Key Statistics

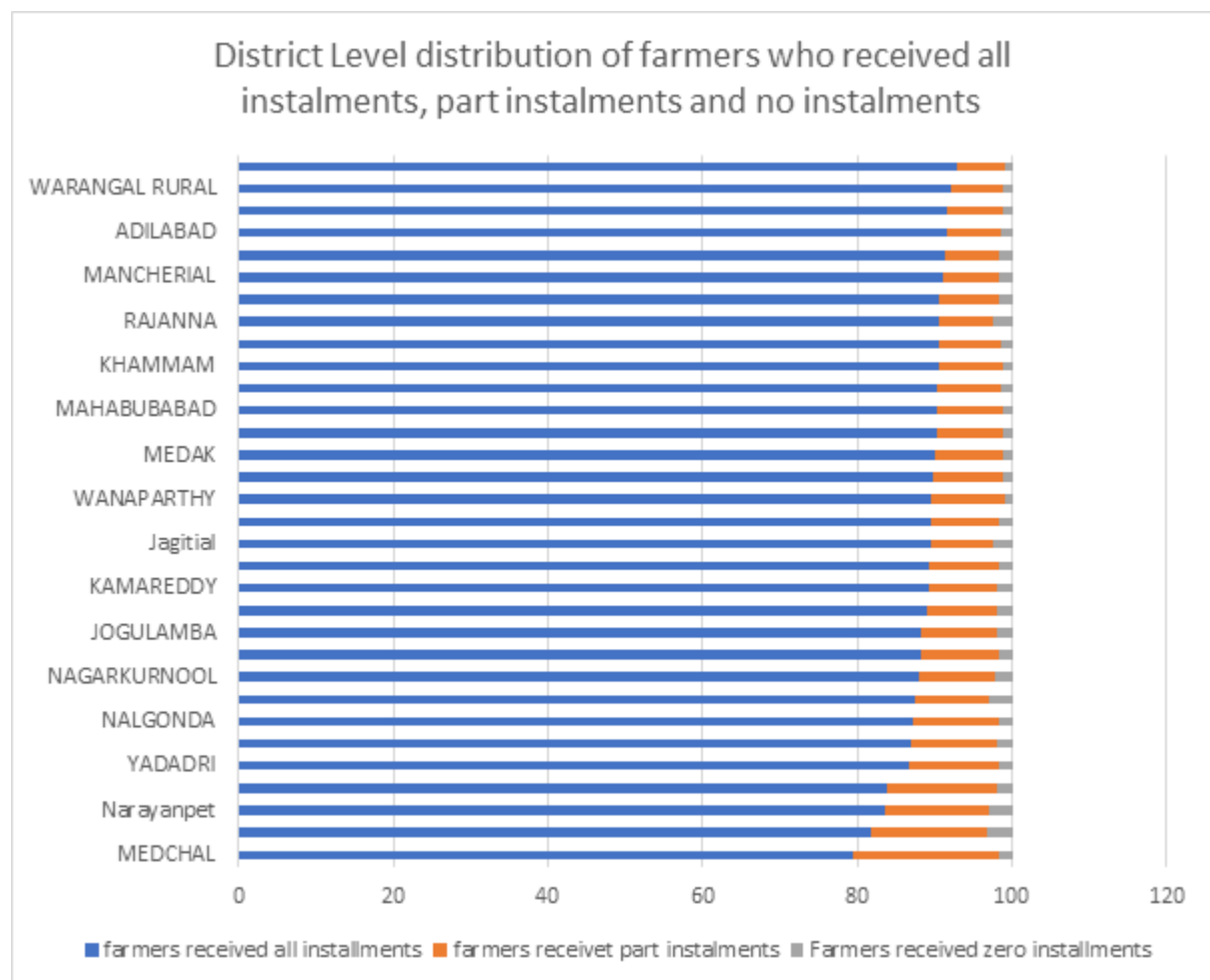
3,840,670 farmers have been registered so far in PM KISAN since the inception of the scheme and are eligible to receive 28,321,570 instalments amounting to ₹ 5664 crores. Considering the nature of the cash transfers, validation errors and transaction failures have been the focus of our analysis. For the sake of simplicity, we have collapsed the various reasons for rejection and categorized them based on authorities responsible for clearing the roadblocks. Some key observations are summarized below:

In nutshell, 89% of the farmers in the beneficiary list have received all installments. Less than 2% have not received any installments and 9% farmers received part installments.

1. 3,840,670 Registered farmers and eligible for a total of 28,321,570 instalments, i.e ₹ 5,664 Cr
2. 3,773,259 :- Farmers benefited by receiving 26,555,628 (93.7%) installments, i.e ₹ 5,311.12 Cr
 - a. 3,413,060 (88.9%) farmers received all installments due to them
 - b. 360,199 (9.3%) farmers received at least one installment and yet to receive ₹ 274.87 Cr collectively *#(on an average missed 3.8 installments)*
3. 67,411(1.75%) :- Farmers didn't receive any benefits, on an average these farmers missed 5.8% instalments amounting to ₹ 78.31 Cr in total.

While more than 90% of the due amount was transferred, it is evident that a small but significant amount is still due. 11% of the farmers have not received their due amount. Total amount of missed instalments in Telangana account for 353 crores INR thus far. Among farmers with missing instalments, 3 major issues – Bank Rejections, payments stopped by the state, and Aadhar verifications; account for 70% of the pending instalments.

District wise Beneficiaries:



The district level picture shows some variations. However, except for Medchal district, in all other districts more than 80% of farmers have received all due instalments- a creditable performance. Nagarkurnool, Nalgonda, Yadadri and Narayanpet are the other 4 districts where scheme implementation is less positive.

Registrations Vs Benefitted Farmers:

As mentioned in the earlier section there are about 38.4 lakh farmers registered on PM KISAN MIS and about 37.7 lakh farmers received at least one instalment, that amounts to ₹ 5311 Cr in Telangana so far. Table 2 provides an overview of the number of registered farmers and those who were benefitted by receiving at least one instalment along with the proportion of payments still due. More than 6% of the payments have not reached the farmers amounting to Rs.353 crores

Table 2: Farmers registered and benefitted, and payments due in different districts in Telangana

Sl. No	Name of the District	Farmers		Amount in Crores of Rupees		
		Registered	Benefitted	Received	Due	% due
1	Adilabad	95514	94098	132.55	6.11	4.4
2	Bhadradri	75091	74181	107.54	6.64	5.8
3	Jangaon	111376	109196	147.43	9.64	6.1
4	Jayashankar	53104	52622	75.36	2.99	3.8
5	Jogulamba	93733	91976	130.30	8.95	6.4
6	Jagtial	140873	137453	194.05	12.73	6.2
7	Kamareddy	164818	161768	233.02	14.67	5.9
8	Karimnagar	111277	109540	155.94	8.44	5.1
9	Khammam	185021	182853	260.76	14.53	5.3
10	Komaram bheem asifabad	68980	67840	98.06	5.09	4.9
11	Mahabubabad	107989	106644	149.36	7.79	5.0
12	Mahbubnagar	126562	124540	174.01	12.34	6.6
13	Mancherial	83975	82518	116.98	6.04	4.9
14	Medak	142255	140639	207.13	11.47	5.2
15	Medchal	19030	18717	25.18	3.71	12.8
16	Mulugu	34523	33381	45.82	3.85	7.8

17	Nagarkurnool	179704	175869	234.54	16.87	6.7
18	Nalgonda	273905	269306	372.59	30.99	7.7
19	Nizamabad	157539	155638	222.19	13.56	5.8
20	Narayanpet	99388	96401	136.27	13.09	8.8
21	Nirmal	109002	107393	151.91	8.50	5.3
22	Peddapalli	87277	85798	121.63	6.52	5.1
23	Rajanna	77521	75561	106.32	6.01	5.4
24	Rangareddy	181127	177475	238.93	25.26	9.6
25	Sangareddy	186606	182753	261.85	20.05	7.1
26	Siddipet	172773	169622	241.87	15.50	6.0
27	Suryapet	145633	143764	206.47	10.28	4.7
28	Vikarabad	159601	154644	208.06	16.51	7.4
29	Wanaparthy	95266	94271	137.40	8.62	5.9
30	Warangal rural	120273	118859	169.81	7.66	4.3
31	Warangal urban	60592	59632	83.42	5.26	5.9
32	Yadadri	120342	118307	164.38	13.52	7.6
	Total	3840670	3773259	5311.13	353.19	6.2

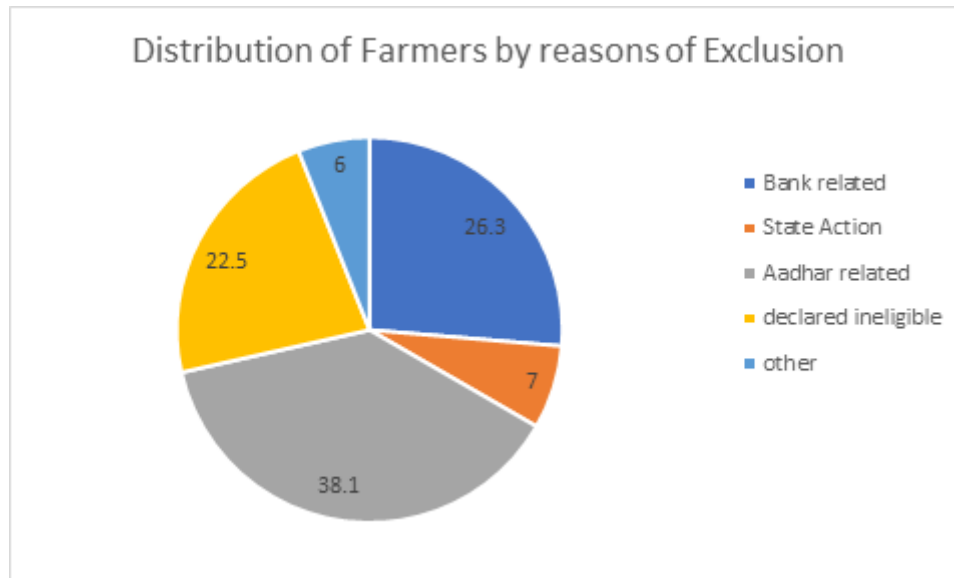
While nearly 90% of the farmers received all instalments, the table below shows that a total of more than Rs. 353 crores is still due .

The absolute amount of payments still due shows that Sangareddy, Rangareddy and Nalgonda have more than 20 crore rupees due in each of these districts and would require urgent resolution.

As a proportion of payments due - Medchal data shows that more than 12% of the payments have been missed. Rangareddy also has nearly 10% of payments still due. Sangareddy, Vikarabad, Yadadri, Nalgonda, Mulugu and Narayanpet all have more than 7% of the payments still due.

Exclusions:

We have examined the reasons why some installments have been missed by farmers.



This shows that nearly two-thirds of the cases of missing instalments are due to bank related reasons, or Aadhar related. Of them, aadhar related issues (aadhar number not verified) are more important. It is also important to note that while these two issues account for 64% of the payment issues, they add up to a staggering 72% of the missing amount.

Interestingly a significant number of farmers are seen to have missed instalments - as they are ineligible for the benefits (income tax payee etc)- its unusually high in some districts. When a farmer is considered ineligible, they should have received zero instalments. However very few farmers have received zero instalments.

Sl. No	Dstrict	Proportion of Farmers Affected for various reasons					Numbers in sample
		Bank related	State Action	Aadhar related	declared ineligible	other	
1	Adilabad	32.5	11.1	30.3	19.2	6.8	468
2	Bhadradri	32.7	4.0	41.5	17.9	4.0	453

3	Jangaon	31.7	6.4	30.5	25.5	5.9	580
4	Jayashankar	17.2	6.4	27.0	43.8	5.6	233
5	Jogulamba	26.7	7.2	41.8	13.9	10.3	445
6	Jagtial	34.0	7.1	31.0	23.9	4.0	1063
7	Kamareddy	29.5	11.1	36.1	18.3	4.9	731
8	Karimnagar	30.2	4.4	30.8	30.8	3.8	480
9	Khammam	27.2	6.9	36.6	24.5	4.9	1030
10	Komaram bheem asifabad	43.0	5.6	33.0	16.2	2.2	358
11	Mahabubabad	27.3	13.0	24.9	28.4	6.5	370
12	Mahbubnagar	25.1	5.7	43.9	17.4	8.0	916
13	Mancherial	29.5	6.6	32.4	25.4	6.1	346
14	Medak	29.9	7.2	40.1	13.5	9.2	695
15	Medchal	17.1	4.7	38.1	38.1	1.9	257
16	Mulugu	19.5	7.0	23.2	14.6	35.7	185
17	Nagarkurnool	25.4	5.5	42.6	20.4	6.1	1122
18	Nalgonda	18.3	6.0	52.8	18.7	4.1	1398
19	Nizamabad	21.6	5.3	45.1	22.9	5.1	835
20	Narayanpet	23.9	7.0	43.5	5.7	19.9	687
21	Nirmal	29.7	10.1	42.5	16.0	1.7	407
22	Peddapalli	29.7	8.0	22.0	39.1	1.2	414

23	Rajanna	37.8	10.0	25.1	24.7	2.4	251
24	Rangareddy	17.9	4.7	44.0	30.2	3.2	1756
25	Sangareddy	29.8	7.0	42.6	12.6	7.9	1173
26	Siddipet	26.5	8.5	33.6	26.7	4.7	860
27	Suryapet	21.3	9.0	39.3	24.8	5.6	710
28	Vikarabad	30.2	10.4	36.7	13.9	8.8	913
29	Wanaparthy	23.8	7.4	37.2	28.1	3.5	541
30	Warangal rural	24.4	8.8	29.5	29.1	8.2	525
31	Warangal urban	27.2	7.5	27.9	34.8	2.6	534
32	Yadadri	24.0	4.0	36.3	30.8	4.9	753
	Total	26.3	7.0	38.1	22.5	6.0	21489

Conclusion

Benefits of the PM KISAN were received by the majority of the registered farmers from the state. However, the number of farmers registered itself is an issue, considering the fact that the state sponsored Rythu Bandhu have nearly 25 lakh¹ more farmers are getting benefitted than the registered farmers in PM KISAN.

Even if we consider the issues like, Income tax payees, ROFR farmers and only one beneficiary per family being reasons for the gap, 25 lakhs is a huge number. And the eligible farmers from the state are losing money from the central government, so it's high time for the state government to review the scheme implementation in the state and ensure that all the eligible farmers receive the benefits under PM KISAN. We recommend that the state consider campaigns during the PM KISAN registration period and encourage farmers to register themselves to avail benefits. We recommend the agriculture department to seek support of Dept of Panchayat and Rural development, who had considerable experience in the resolution of 'Bank Rejection issues' in MGNREGA.

¹ "The State government has been extending investment support to 63.2 lakh farmers for a total 1.5 crore acres of land under Rythu Bandhu scheme" Agriculture Minister of Telangana on 28, Aug, 2021.
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