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## Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana: Greatest initiative for farmers of Chhattisgarh

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### Abstract

The research work was conducted with a view to know the status of Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana in Raipur division of Chhattisgarh. In the present study the opinion of beneficiaries towards the scheme was studied with a sample of 351 farmers. RGKNY Scheme is the agriculture input support scheme launched by the state government of Chhattisgarh towards adequate investment in agriculture and relief in input cost. Along with the MSP, scheme covers production cost on kharif crop specially paddy under RGKNY which was launched in 2020. Farmers are provided with input allowance in four installments through DBT. Farmer friendly policies and their efficient implementation has led to a “silent revolution” in Chhattisgarh agriculture. Registered area under this scheme are 2700709.33, 2806890.95, 3122202.599 and 3392348.09 respectively from 2019 to 2022. The beneficiary farmers who received funds under this scheme are 1843370, 2059068, 2399604 and 2641402 respectively for the year 2019 to 2022. And payment amount was 5627.02, 5553 and 5221 for the year of 2019, 2020, 2021 and the payment amount of year 2022 is not yet passed only registration has been done.

**Keywords:** RGKNY scheme, input support, investment, DBT, input cost

### Introduction

Agriculture is the largest sector employing the Indian workforce. Half of the total workforce in India is still working in the agriculture sector (Singh, S., 2012) [10]. Small and marginal farmers constitute the largest group of cultivators in Indian agriculture; 85 percent of operated holdings are smaller than or above two hectares and amongst these holdings, 66 percent are less than one hectare (Agriculture Census, 2015). The per capita GSDP of Chhattisgarh in 2020-21 was Rs 82,419, 3.3 percent lower than in 2019-20 (Economic Survey- Chhattisgarh Budget Analysis 2021-22). More than a fifth of the population in every district lives in extreme poverty, as per estimates and the economically better of districts in the state are not much better in terms of poverty. In Chhattisgarh most of the farmers grow paddy in kharif season is the main crop, for this CG has often been dubbed “Rice Bowl” of Central India. Because of this, CG government launches a scheme “Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana” to improve the farmer’s income and get direct cash benefit. After launching the scheme 95.38 percent of registered farmers in Chhattisgarh sold paddy on MSP in kharif 2020-21 (India Today). Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana is being implemented in Chhattisgarh from 21 May 2020, the death anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. Main aim of the scheme to encourage farmers to produce more crops and help them get the right price.

### Key points of the scheme

- Under the scheme, based on registered area and area under cultivation during kharif crop season 2019, Rs 10,000 per acre will be deposited in the bank accounts of farmers as agriculture assistance grant for sowing crops such as paddy, maize and sugarcane.
- According to the government, at least 19lakh farmers will benefit from the scheme, for which the state government had allocated Rs 5,756crore in the budget 2020-21. In 2019-20 farmers benefited under the scheme was 9,53,706 marginal, 5,60,284 small, 3,20,844 medium and total 18,34,834 farmers which increased in 2020-21.
- The money will be given to the farmers in four installments. (Government of Chhattisgarh)
- The scheme aims to ensure minimum income availability to farmers growing one rabi and 13 kharif season crops in the state. It is similar to the Nyuntam Aay Yojana (NYAY) that was proposed by Rahul Gandhi.

**Goals of the Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana**

- To encourage crop diversification.
- Increase in crop cover, production and productivity.
- To increase the net income of the farmers by reimbursing the cost of cultivation of the crop.
- To encourage farmers to invest more in agriculture.
- Re-establishing agriculture as a profit making business. Increase in the participation of the agricultural sector.

**Methodology**

The present study is exploratory in nature. Raipur division is selected purposively as the division had relatively highest number of beneficiaries. Two districts from division, two blocks from each district and two villages from each blocks were selected randomly. 40 to 45 beneficiaries of the RGKNY scheme were selected from each village, following random sampling method. Thus samples of 351 farmers were selected for the study. Primary data from respondents was collected with the help of questionnaire and interview schedule and

secondary data from Government of Chhattisgarh agriculture development and farmers welfare by National Informatics Centre, Govt. of Chhattisgarh. The data collected was analyzed and interpretations were drawn based on results. The statistical techniques Descriptive analysis, Tabular Methods, Graphical Methods, independent and dependent variable were followed for analyzing the data.

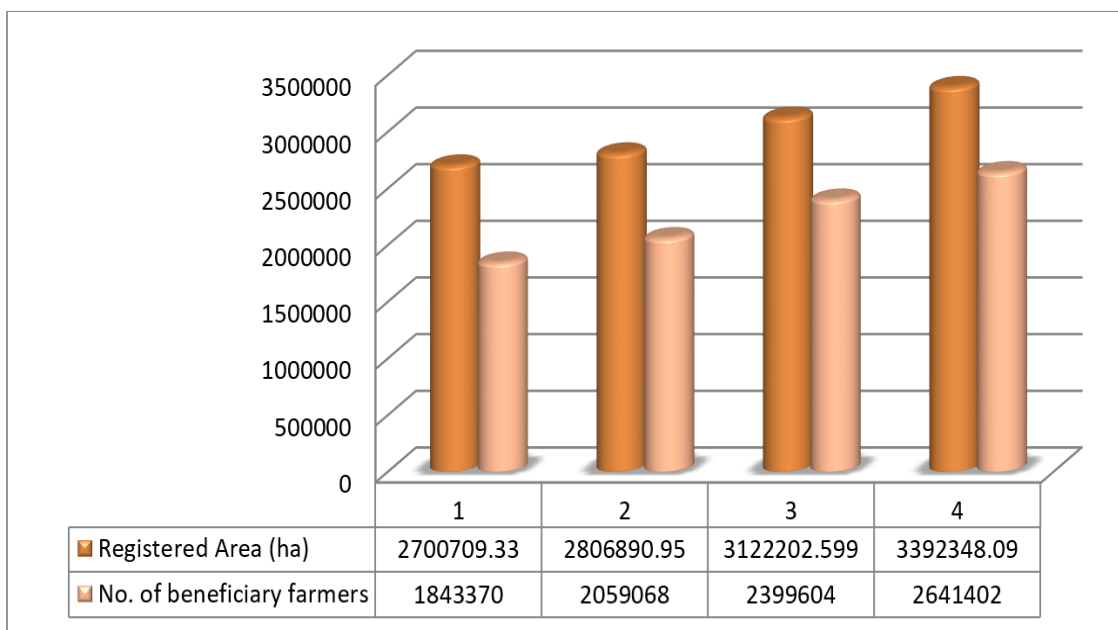
**Result and Discussion**

**Status of Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana**

In Table: 1 shows the number of beneficiaries who received amount under Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana scheme in Chhattisgarh. It indicates that registered area and number of beneficiaries are increases per year from 2019 to 2022. Registered area under this scheme are 2700709.33, 2806890.95, 3122202.599 and 3392348.09 respectively from 2019 to 2022. The beneficiary farmers who received funds under this scheme are 1843370, 2059068, 2399604 and 2641402 respectively.

**Table 1:** Number of beneficiaries with received amount under Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana scheme in Chhattisgarh

S. No.	Year	Registered Area (ha)	No. of beneficiary farmers	Payment amount
1	2019	2700709.33	1843370	5627.02
2	2020	2806890.95	2059068	5553.08
3	2021	3122202.599	2399604	5221.35
4	2022	3392348.09	2641402	-
Total				16401.45



**Fig 1:** Number of beneficiaries with Registered Area in ha

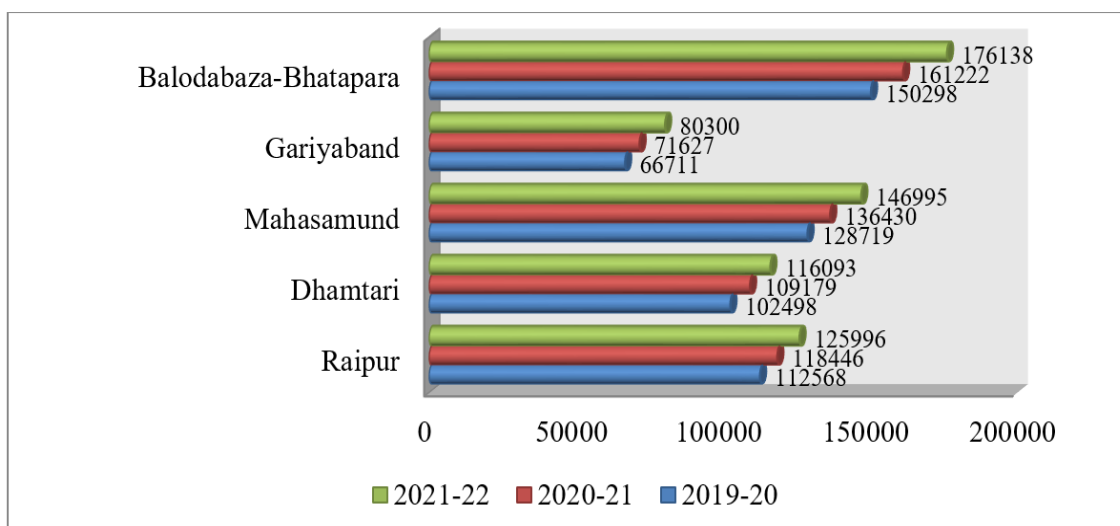
In Raipur division there are Five districts- Raipur, Dhamtari, Mahasamund, Gariyaband, Balodabazar-Bhatapara. In Table: 2 district wise number of beneficiary farmers and installment amounts are presented according to three Kharif seasons. It shows that Balodabazar-Bhatapara district has highest number

of beneficiaries as compared to other districts of Raipur division. The number of beneficiary famers were increases per year after implementation of the scheme which was shown in figure 2.

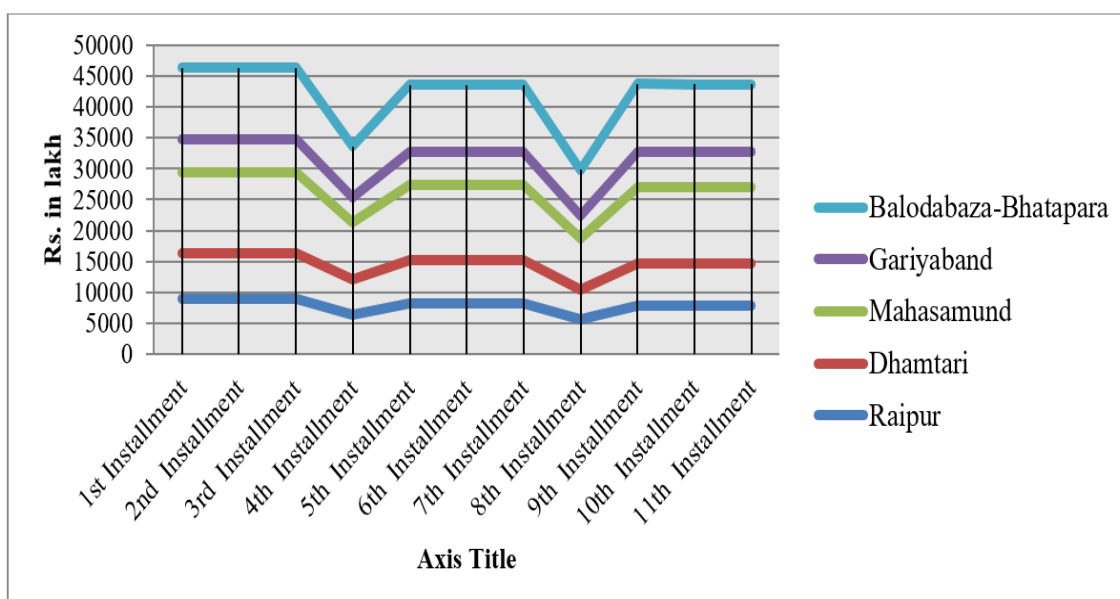
**Table 2:** Number of beneficiaries with received installments under Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana scheme in Raipur Division of Chhattisgarh

Kharif Year 2019-20						
S. No.	District	Total no. of beneficiaries	Amount of 1 <sup>st</sup> Installment	Amount of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Installment	Amount of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Installment	Amount of 4 <sup>th</sup> Installment
1.	Raipur	112568	8864.67	8864.67	8864.67	6369.24
2.	Dhamtari	102498	7394.39	7394.39	7394.39	5643.99
3.	Mahasamund	128719	13061.83	13061.83	13061.83	9301.44
4.	Gariyaband	66711	5355.58	5355.58	5355.58	3974.72
5.	Balodabazar-Bhatapara	150298	11660.51	11660.51	11660.51	8345.43
Kharif Year 2020-21						
1.	Raipur	118446	8205.51	8205.51	8205.51	5606.97
2.	Dhamtari	109179	6968.04	6968.04	6968.04	4763.30
3.	Mahasamund	136430	12232.18	12232.18	12232.18	8378.61
4.	Gariyaband	71627	5271.19	5271.19	5271.19	3602.50
5.	Balodabazar-Bhatapara	161222	10904.72	10904.72	10904.72	7450.55
Kharif Year 2021-22						
1.	Raipur	125996	7884.78	7870.07	7870.07	
2.	Dhamtari	116093	6822.70	6804.85	6804.85	
3.	Mahasamund	146995	12304.63	12276.52	12273.86	
4.	Gariyaband	80300	5745.17	5731.29	5731.29	
5.	Balodabazar-Bhatapara	176138	10991.19	10960.36	10957.79	

Note: Installment amount Rs. in lakh



**Fig 2:** Total no. of beneficiaries in five districts of Raipur division



**Fig 3:** Amount of 1<sup>st</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Installment in five districts of Raipur division

The installment amount was showing decreasing pattern from Kharif Year 2019-20 to Kharif Year 2021-22 because this amount is the difference of MSP fixed by central government and Chhattisgarh state governments purchasing price. The MSP which was fixed by central government increases per year but purchasing price of state government was not increases much so the graph of installment amount was decreasing per year. In this graph 4<sup>th</sup> installment amount of a Kharif Year indicates less as compared to other three installment amounts because in a Kharif Year first three installment amounts was given 26.5 percent and last installment amount was given remaining 21.25 percent that's why it indicates less.

### Conclusion

The main objective of this study is to analyze Status of Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana in Raipur Division of Chhattisgarh. Under the scheme total registered area in Chhattisgarh was increasing year after year which were 2700709.33 ha. in 2019, 2806890.95 ha. in 2020, 3122202.599 ha. in 2021 and 3392348.09 ha in 2022 also number of beneficiary farmers also increasing which were 1843370 farmers in 2019 to 2641402 farmers in 2022. Total number of beneficiaries who received installment amount in the kharif year 2019-20, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 are 560794, 596904 and 645522 respectively in Raipur division. Maximum number of beneficiary farmers in Balodabazar-Bhatapara district and minimum from Gariyaband district in Raipur division.

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