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Press Note:

Facilitate farmers to sell agriculture produce in villages itself: AP Governor tells govt officials

Vijayawada, April 4: Andhra Pradesh Governor Sri Biswa Busan Harichandan said farmers should not face any problems in selling their agricultural produce. Speaking to officials of the state govt in a meeting held at Raj Bhavan on Saturday, the Governor said that a farmer-friendly approach is needed in purchasing paddy and other agricultural produce during this hour of crisis. Governor Sri Harichandan held a high-level review meeting with the officials of agriculture, marketing and civil supplies at Raj Bhavan.

The Governor said steps should be taken to continue the agricultural operations during the present hour of crisis created by the corona virus pandemic and the lock down situation. He told the officials that it is important to take necessary steps to avert shortage of food production in the state.

The officials explained to the Governor that the state govt has drawn up an action plan to purchase 32.72 lakh metric tonnes of paddy through civil supplies corporation during the current rabi season. They said that arrangements have been made to purchase paddy at the agricultural fields itself and transport to godowns. Secretary and Commissioner of Civil Supplies Sri Kona Sasidhar said that the amount paid towards paddy will

be remitted directly into bank accounts of the farmers and the entire process is carried out in a transparent manner.

Secretary of Agriculture and Marketing Sri Madhusudhana Reddy said each village will be treated as a unit for procurement of paddy and there is no hurdle for transportation of agricultural produce.

Commissioner of Agriculture and Marketing Sri PS Pradyumna said an action plan is also formulated for marketing of agricultural produce.

The Governor advised the officials to focus on resolving the problems of farmers. He said during the video conference held on Friday, both the President and the Vice-President have made a special mention about the measures to be taken by the government to ensure that agricultural activity is not hampered and farmers do not face any problems in the present situation.

Secretary to Governor Sri Mukesh Kumar Meena, MD of Civil Supplies Corporation Smt. Suryakumari were also present in the meeting.