Yogi Adityanath sets up commission to double UP farmers' income by 2022

Taking forward Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s dream of doubling income of farmers by 2022 in Uttar Pradesh, the Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has constituted a Farmers’ Welfare Commission which will suggest ways and means to achieve the target in the state.

The Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will be the Chairman of the newly-constituted Commission while the State Agriculture Minister Surya Pratap Sahi and Niti Ayog member Prof Ramesh Chandra will be its Vice-Presidents. The Chief Secretary Rajive Kumar and the Agriculture Production Commissioner (APC) RP Singh will be its members.

The Deputy director Indian Council for Agriculture Research (ICAR) will also be the member of the Commission. International Rice Research Centre, Phillippines India Representative Dr US Singh, Managing Director, International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) Hyderabad, Giri Institute’s Prof Surendra Kumar, ICAR former MD DR Mangla Rai, ex-Director Dr R.B. Singh have been nominated as invited members of the commission.

Besides, Mahindra and Mahindra and ITC have been included as corporate members of the newly-formed commission. Progressive and award-winning farmers from different districts of the state have been made representatives of farmers.

A notification for setting up the commission was issued by the Yogi Adityanath government late Friday night. “The commission aims at suggesting economical and alternative sources of farming in addition to transform the traditional farming with latest advancement in the field of agriculture for increasing the income of farmers in the state,” stated RP Singh, the APC. Read more..