

KTR seeks Central aid for Metro, procuring parboiled rice

★ Meets Central Ministers Piyush Goyal and Hardeep Singh Puri

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Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister KT Rama Rao called on the Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri, and Union Minister Piyush Goyal in New Delhi on Saturday. After meeting three Union Ministers, KTR couldn't meet Amit Shah. The meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah was could not materialised as the later was busy with a series of meetings. Minister KTR will return at 10.30am on Sunday morning.

KTR said that he updated Piyush Goyal on the progress of the Kakatiya Mega Textile Park and how it has become an important example for promoting textile manufacturing. He briefed Piyush on the development of agriculture and how



Telangana today produces nearly 50% of paddy in the country. He requested his support to procure an additional 20 lakh MT of parboiled rice from Telangana for Rabi 2022-23.

In his letter, he said, "The Centre fixed a target to collect 10.20 lakh tonnes of parboiled rice for the State (15 lakh tonnes of paddy) leaving a balance of 51.11 lakh tonnes of

paddy to be milled for delivering raw rice to the FCI. The financial obligation for delivering one lakh tonnes of raw rice to the FCI works out to Rs 42.08 crore due to the additional percentage of broken rice and the total financial implication if the State has to deliver the balance of 34.24 lakh tonnes in the form of raw rice works out to Rs 1441 crore."

He also made various requests to

Hardeep Singh Puri, seeking the Centre's assistance in areas like the "funding for Metro expansion from BHEL to Lakdi Ka Pul and from Nagole to LB Nagar, financial support for improving the road network and link roads in Hyderabad city, launching of a national urban employment guarantee scheme for the urban poor on the lines of MNREGA.