

## Huge outrage among farmers as tobacco purchase did not start in Kheda district

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**Nadiad:** Most of the people in Kheda district are involved in the business of agriculture and animal husbandry. Farmers had planted crops like tobacco, chikori, divela, rayado as cash crops in the rabi season. It has been a long time since the tobacco crop was ready, but the price of tobacco or the purchase has not started, leaving the farmers in a state of misery. On the other hand, farmers are worried as the Nadiad Agriculture Committee has started buying tobacco.



In Kheda district, farmers plant chikori, wheat, rayado, tobacco, divela and vegetables in the rabi season, in which farmers plant tobacco as a cash crop for years. There is a huge cost, including removing tobacco peels, harvesting labour, chemical fertilizers, pesticides, against which tobacco is purchased by tobacco traders at a much lower price.

For the last two years, when it was easy for the farmers to start the purchase of tobacco at Piplag Chowki by the Nadiad Agricultural Market Committee, it has been a long time since the tobacco crop was ready, but so far no trader has turned up for the purchase of tobacco and the price of tobacco has not been announced. Secondly, the procurement of raida has been stopped by the Agricultural Market Committee in Matar this year.

Meanwhile, Nadiad APMC secretary Arvindbhai Sodha said that the purchase of tobacco has been kept in place by the APMC. Thus, when the farmers have been left in a state of misery as APMC Nadiad has stopped buying tobacco, there is a feeling that the leaders of the farmers' organization, including the Kisan Morcha, will come to the aid of the farmers who are cooking tobacco.

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