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NATURAL FARMING: TRANSFORMING LIVES OF PEOPLE IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

Himachal Pradesh has been promoting the non-chemical, low cost and climate resilient Natural Farming technique under the Prakritik Kheti Khushal Kisan Yojana (PKKY). The state government led by Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur implemented PKKY in 2018 in mission mode for the long-term benefit of farmers. As per data shared by the Agriculture Department, around 1.71 lakh farmers in Himachal Pradesh have so far adopted the Natural Farming technique.



Natural farming is a paradigm shift from traditional farming, which involves various cropping inputs. The continuous use of chemical pesticides and fertilizers increased the yield of crops over the years, but it triggered a negative impact on soil as well as the environment.

Jai Ram Thakur, Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh

Agriculture plays an important role in the economy of Himachal Pradesh. Around 80% of the state's GDP comes from rural areas, and 75% of the population depends on agriculture. Agriculture and allied sectors contribute about 13.62% to the state's GDP. The state has 9.97 lakh farm families and 8.44 lakh hectares of land under cultivation. The average holding size is 0.95 hectare.

In Himachal Pradesh, 88.88% of farmers are small and marginal who cultivate 93% of the total land under agriculture. As many as 70.84% of farmers fall in the middle class. Only 2.93% of farmers are classified as large farmers. The state's agro-climate is ideal for the production of cash crops.

Scheme for promoting Natural Farming

Himachal Pradesh has been promoting the non-chemical, low cost and climate resilient Natural Farming technique under the Prakritik Kheti Khushal Kisan Yojana (PKKY). The scheme was announced by Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur in his first budget speech for the financial year 2018-19 with an aim to reduce the cost of cultivation and enhance farmers' income in farming with nature.

The PKKY seeks to promote the production of food grains, vegetables, and fruits without the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

The scheme surpassed its targets in the very first year. Against the target of covering 500 farmers, 2,883 farmers adopted this technique in 2018-19. The number of farmers practicing Natural Farming technique went up to 34,844 farmers in 2019-20. The area covered under Natural Farming was 2,481 hectares by then. In four years period since the launch of PKKY, 1.71 lakh farmers in Himachal Pradesh have adopted the use of chemicals in agriculture and are practicing Natural Farming method. The scheme has now targeted to bring more farmers under its ambit and cover 20,000 hectares.

The Himachal Pradesh government hopes to bring all the farmer families under the ambit of this PKKY, with the objective to double their income as envisioned



By Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Despite the fact that COVID-19 pandemics had an adverse effect on all the sectors, the Natural Farming in Himachal Pradesh kept expanding with more than 1,00 lakh new farmers adopting the technique. Till now, 1.71 lakh farmers have been trained in Natural Farming technique in Himachal Pradesh. Of these, 1.71 lakh are practicing natural farming on a total hectare land across all four agro-climatic zones ranging from 340-6000 in area of the state.

Natural farming has gained prominence in 3,300 Panchayats (99% of a total 2813) in all 19 development blocks and 12 districts of the state. Despite constraints of tough hilly terrain

Capacity building of women farmers

Natural Farming has cut down the dependence on manual farm inputs and the farmers are now prepared to do the work on their own. The use and range of this crop with other locally sourced inputs like jaggery, gram flour and some leaves. The women farmers have also shown interest in the technique as they find it easier to manage independently. Many women farmers have been trained in the

A number of trained women farmers are now 'Master Trainers' of Natural Farming technique.

Recently, the capacity building workshops have not only provided knowledge to the women farmers, but has also led to their social inclusion through exposure. Several women farmer groups have been made in different districts of Himachal Pradesh, who are using the platform for sharing natural farm inputs and are working together to raise awareness and educate other village women about this concept.

Low Cultivation Cost, High Net Returns

Several scientific studies have been conducted by the State Project Implementing Unit (SPIU), PKKY to update the resource and viability of natural farming techniques in Himachal Pradesh. According to one such study, Natural Farming has reduced cultivation costs by 48% on average, yielding a 27% increase in net returns. Furthermore, the farmers are growing more crops consistently on their farms using Natural Farming techniques, which has resulted in crop diversification and increased crop diversity. According to the studies, 15

different types of companion crops are grown to suppress weeds, while Natural Farming. Additionally, the overall disease incidence in crops was low.

As per the study, the State incidence was found to be 3.47% on leaves and 2.17% on fruit in Natural Farming orchards, compared to 14.7% on leaves and 8.2% on fruit in Chemical Farming. The presence of Marssonina was also found to be 12.2% in Natural Farming orchards versus 19.4% in chemical ones.

The farmers observed that the crops grown with the Natural Farming technique are more resistant to drought and have a better taste and flavor than chemically grown crops.

PKKY extends beyond crop production

The PKKY extends beyond crop production. A total of six and 1000 village-level, 4-level, 4-level certification by farmers is also being implemented under the Yojana. It is simpler and more transparent, and it will make it easier for farmers to sell their natural produce and products in the market. Farmer Producer Organizations are being formed in every block of the state to provide a better market for farmers.

More so, individual farmers have developed their own marketing models for natural produce through local and external connections. The Yojana is now working on the principles of transparency, transparency, and low cost for sustainable food systems in the empowerment of farmers economy and consumer health.

It is developing a Sustainable Food Systems Program for Natural Farming (SDFNF), which aims to create a comprehensive framework for producer-consumer interaction in order to improve farmers' capabilities and consumers' trust.



Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

I would like to urge the farmers and orchardists of Himachal that in the coming 25 years, can we put in efforts to make Himachal chemical free again? Gradually we have to free our soil from chemicals. We have to move towards such a future where the health of the soil remains good and our upcoming generations are healthy. I believe that the youth of Himachal have the potential to make it happen.

Achievements in Agriculture Sector

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Under the Natural Farming, Khushal Kisan Yojana, 1,71,083 farmers have started farming in an area of 8,484 hectares with nature farming method.

Crop insurance facility was used by 8,58,840 farmers in Kharif and Rabi season under the Crop Insurance Scheme and compensation was paid to 3,47,726 farmers.

Under the State Agricultural Mechanization Scheme, machines, other equipment and tools were provided to 1,81,000 farmers on 50% subsidy. More than 1.81 lakh agricultural implements and equipment were provided under the scheme.

Under 'Mukhyamantri Kheti Samarthan Yojana', 1,404 farmers were benefited in the state. Solar fencing was provided to them for crop protection. Rice, soybean and other animals, as a result of which increase in income and cost of beneficiary farmers has been registered.

Under State Irrigation Scheme (PM Kisan Naya), 1,000 solar pumps have been installed and 2,110 farmers have been benefited.

To improve the economy of the state through crop diversification, an additional area of 18,177 hectares was brought under crop diversification.

Under the 'Chief Minister Kisan Abhineti Mukhya Mantri Samarthan Yojana', field at least was given to 58 farmers as assistance.

In order to increase the agricultural production and productivity in the state, about 8,82,018 quintals of improved (multinational) seeds, bio-fertilizers, bio-pesticides, bio-herbicides, etc. were provided to the farmers on subsidy.

For animal husbandry in the state, fodder crops were grown in an additional area of about 82,527 hectares by the beneficiary farmers under the Fodder Subsidy Scheme.

The yellow rust disease of wheat was eradicated completely through the distribution of yellow rust resistant wheat varieties and timely sowing.

In the last four and a half years, heavily infested areas were reared in the state's bio-control laboratory in Paunagar to control virus-damaging insects.

Minimum 500-kg/ha and maximum 1000-kg/ha were assessed in farmer fields to control pests and diseases. Apart from this, 2,402 pest/disease traps were installed in farmer fields covering 9,880 hectares (approx.) for pest control.

KEY SCHEMES TO BOOST AGRICULTURE IN HP

Mukhyamantri Kishi Samarthan Yojana

As per the recommendation of the expert group, eight ongoing schemes having common objectives have been merged to avoid overlapping of activities. In the year 2019-20, the components of the scheme are as under:

- Cluster based vegetable production scheme
- Input based umbrella scheme (seed, PPM & nutrients)
- Strengthening of seed multiplication chain
- Strengthening of laboratory

During the current financial year action plan for the execution of this new scheme has been prepared for an outlay of Rs.48.55 crore, against which a budget provision of Rs.1.23 crore has been made, which has been further distributed among the sector level officers.

Mukhyamantri Kishi Ushadhi Samarthan Yojana

The three ongoing project-based departmental schemes having a common objective were merged into single scheme i.e. 'Mukhya Mantri Kishi Ushadhi Samarthan Yojana' with three components, which are as under:

- Soil Health Card Based Fencing
- Anti-Hail Net Structure
- Green House Renovation Scheme

The budget provision of Rs.1.00 crore has been made for implementing all three components under this scheme.

Green House Renovation Scheme

The Government of Himachal Pradesh introduced a scheme 'Mukhya Mantri Green House Renovation Scheme' in the year 2017-18. Now the scheme has been merged with 'Mukhyamantri Kishi

Mukhyamantri Kishi Ushadhi Samarthan Yojana

Under this scheme, 4 sub-projects are being provided if five or more farmers opt to install solar fencing and if farmers opt to install solar fencing on individual and/or 60% subsidy is being provided. The subsidy for installation of Barbed and Chain Link (Driver) Mesh Fencing system would be 50% and for composite fencing containing of Solar Fencing integrated with (5).

Anti-Hail Nets

The Himachal Pradesh Government has been providing 70% assistance in being provided to the farmers for the replacement of poly sheet after 5 years of using up of polyhouse or damage due to natural calamities.

Jai to Kheti Ka Bad Yojna

To ensure proper supply of water for irrigation, the State Government has launched 'Jai to Kheti Ka Bad Yojna'. Under this scheme since rainfed lands will be constructed. Under this scheme, 100% of equipment would be done by the Government for the implementation

Green House Renovation Scheme

of community based, small water saving schemes. Last year Rs.25.66 crore was spent covering an area of 158.70 hectares and 146 water bodies were created benefiting 378 farmers. During a budget provision of Rs.10 crore was made by the State Government for this current financial year.

Rajya Kishi Yantirika Yojana

To promote agricultural mechanization in the state, 'Rajya Kishi Yantirika Karyakram' is being implemented by the State Government since 2018-19. Under this scheme, newly developed equipment and modern machinery are being introduced to the farmers. During this year, the State Government is providing 40%-50 % subsidy on agricultural equipment. Under this scheme, a provision of Rs.1.30 crore has been made for the current financial year 2022-23.

Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samarthan Yojna

Under this scheme, besides retaining the source location of Kure, strengthening of Kure in concerned area is also being undertaken. The entire expenditure is being borne by the State Government on 100% subsidy basis. The State Government has decided to grant 50% subsidy for the construction of bio-wells and shallow wells for individuals for irrigation purposes under this scheme. Last year Rs.10.78 crore has been spent on this scheme. A budget provision of Rs.1 crore has been kept for this current year.

PM Kisan Samarthan Yojna

A new variety of bio-fertilizer has been identified by the Institute of Himalayan Bio-Technology (IHBT), Patnaur, which can be grown in high altitude area of Lahaul & Spiti, Kinnaur, Chamba, etc. Similarly, in some parts of the state climate condition for the cultivation of bio-fertilizing bio-pesticides. Keeping in view the importance and benefit of this initiative, the State Government has approved a

Mukhyamantri Kishi Samarthan Yojana

subsidy for the installation of solar pumps. The State Government has decided to grant 50% subsidy for the installation of solar pumps. Last year Rs.10.78 crore has been spent on this scheme. A budget provision of Rs.1 crore has been kept for this current year.

Mukhyamantri Kishi Samarthan Yojana

Keeping in view the importance of natural farming, Government of Himachal Pradesh has prepared 'Mukhyamantri Kishi Ushadhi Yojana' amounting to Rs.100 crore covering approximately an area of 100 hectares in the state. As per the plan, the scheme will be implemented in two phases, and 4000 polyhouses will be constructed. The scheme is being implemented from 2020-21 to 2022-23 with an outlay of Rs.2.00 crore. Under this project, 90% subsidy will be given for the up of

Mukhyamantri Kishi Samarthan Yojana

polyhouses of approved models is being provided. Till date, 3,175 polyhouses have been constructed covering an area of 1,02,891 acres under the scheme. Budget provision of Rs.100 crore has been made by the State Government for the financial year 2022-23.

Centre issues rules for grant to set up paddy pellets plant

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NEW DELHI: Union environment minister Bhupender Yadav on Thursday announced a one-time financial assistance for individuals and companies to set up torrefaction and pelletisation plants to promote the utilisation of paddy straw, as part of the Centre's efforts to address issues of stubble burning and subsequent pollution.

The setting up of these plants, Yadav said, will also help generate income for farmers and create employment among rural youth.

Torrefaction is a thermal conversion method of biomass used to produce a high-quality solid biofuel that can be used for combustion, gasification, and additional non-energy-related applications.

Pelletising is a method of agglomeration, or particle size enlargement, in which material fines are processed into pellets or granules.

Presiding over a "Guidelines for grant of one-time financial



During the harvest season, paddy stubble burning causes air pollution across the National Capital Region.

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support for establishment of pelletisation and torrefaction plants to promote utilisation of paddy straw" workshop here, Yadav released the guidelines framed by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) for the initiative.

Once the pelletisation and torrefaction plants are set up, they would utilise a sizeable portion of the unmanaged paddy straw and help address the issue of crop residue burning and the resultant air pollution, he said.

"Under CPCB guidelines, individuals/entrepreneurs/companies, interested in setting up pelletisation and torrefaction plants, using only paddy straw generated in the NCT of Delhi, States of Punjab & Haryana, and NCR districts of Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh can submit an application for obtaining a one-time grant on capital investment," he explained.

A total of ₹50 crore, generated in the form of environment pro-

tection charge collected by CPCB, has been earmarked for the initiative, he said.

"Under the guidelines, a maximum grant of ₹14 lakh per tonne/hr for a non-torrefied pellet plant and ₹28 lakh per tonne/hr for a torrefied pellet plant is being provided under the guidelines, with an overall cap of ₹70 lakh for the former and ₹1.4 crore for the latter," he said.

"Assuming complete utilisation of the corpus, over 1 million metric tonnes of paddy straw-based pellets are expected to be generated every year. With supplemental efforts by other stakeholders, the guidelines are expected to enhance paddy straw utilisation in power plants and industries, catalyse rural economy and further the spirit of entrepreneurship," he added.

"This is a good step forward by the government. This value addition to make fuel from crop residues to replace coal and other dirty industrial fuels can help to reduce pollution," said Anumita Roy Chowdhury, executive director of Centre for Science and Environment.

Dues pending, sugarcane crushing to commence next month

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AMBALA, OCTOBER 13

The cane crushing season of the Naraingarh sugar mill will begin next month, but it is yet to clear farmers' dues amounting to over Rs 61 crore (including post-dated cheques) of the previous crushing season that ended in April. The sugar mill had crushed around 46.26 lakh quintals of sugarcane worth around Rs 165.51 crore during the cane-crushing season that started in November last year.

Bhartiya Kisan Union (Charuni) spokesman Rajiv

Sharma said, "The sugarcane crop is maturing and the crushing season will start next month, but the mill is yet to clear dues worth Rs 61 crore of the previous season. As per the norms, payments are to be cleared within 14 days of the purchase of sugarcane. For the harvest, labourers come from Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, for which some money is given in advance. These labourers charge around Rs 50 per quintal. The farmers are already facing huge losses this year due to yield loss in wheat and paddy. The mill should release mon-



ey and start the crushing season from the first week of November so that the wheat sowing could start in time."

Vinod Rana, president of Ganna Kisan Sangharsh Samiti, said, "This year, the crop came under the pest

EXPENSES MOUNTING

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Vinod Rana, PREZ, GANNA KISAN SANGHARSH SAMITI

attack and thousands of rupees have been already spent on the sprays to protect the crop. I spent around Rs 1.5 lakh on the binding of the standing crop over around 40 acres earlier this week and now more money will be

required for the harvest. Farmers need money at the earliest as we have borrowed money to meet the expenses. We have already requested the administration to start the season by the first week of November but there has been no positive response. A meeting will be called around October 15 to discuss the issue. The government must think about the farmers sympathetically and release money."

Meanwhile, an official said, "The crushing season will start after November 15 since due to repeated rains, the maturity is expected to be

delayed. Different steps are being taken for better management. A cane manager has been appointed and everything is being streamlined. This year, an advance calendaring system will be implemented and bonding will be displayed in the public domain so that there are no illegal practices. We will focus on cane development and improvement of the sugar realisation too, so that losses can be reduced. Efforts are being made to release some amount from the power export payment to reduce the cane dues."



Farmers protest at Kalanaur grain market in Rohtak on Thursday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

HAFED stops bajra purchase

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ROHTAK, OCTOBER 13

Government agency HAFED has stopped the procurement of bajra in Rohtak, Jhajjar, Rewari and Mahendragarh districts after the state government announced to give a financial aid of Rs 450 a quintal to the farmers under the Bhavantar Bhardpai Yojana (BBY).

The action has irked farmers, who are now forced to sell their produce in the open market at rates lower than what HAFED was paying to them.

The Centre has fixed Rs 2,350 per quintal as the minimum support price (MSP) for bajra, while HAFED was procuring it between Rs 1,900 and Rs 1,950 a quintal. The difference between the MSP and the government rates would be filled by Rs 450 monetary aid by the government.

Sources said the private players were now buying bajra between Rs 1,650 and Rs 1,800 in the above-mentioned four districts. Since the procurement at the government level had been stopped, the farmers had no other option but to sell their produce to private players.

LOSS DESPITE GOVT AID

- Against the MSP of ₹2,350 a quintal, HAFED was procuring bajra at ₹1,900-1,950 per quintal
- An aid of ₹450 a quintal was announced in lieu of the difference between the MSP and the procurement rate
- After HAFED stopped procurement, private players are not buying bajra at ₹1,650-₹1,800 a quintal
- So, farmers will suffer a loss despite getting ₹450 a quintal under the Bhavantar Bhardpai Yojana

Rinku of Dharuhera (Rewari) said he sold his 30 quintal bajra at Rs 1,665 a quintal in the Rewari grain market. "Many others who sowed bajra late are facing a similar situation. They are feeling 'cheated' as they will have to bear a loss of Rs 235-250 per quintal, despite getting a financial aid of Rs 450 per quintal, if the government does not buy their produce," he added.

Meanwhile, a delegation of the All India Kisan Sabha (AIKS), led by its state vice-president Inderjit Singh, visited the grain market in Kalanaur today and denounced the government decision of stopping the bajra procurement.

"Farmers and commission agents are facing a lot of hardship due to unilateral stop-

page of bajra procurement, while initially it was declared that every grain will be bought," said Inderjit. Several disappointed farmers had to take their produce back home, he added.

HAFED District Manager Anoop Nain told "The Tribune" that the procurement of bajra had been stopped following directives from the state government. "Around 15,000 MT bajra in Jhajjar and 3,000 MT in Rohtak has been procured this season," he added.

Sant Kumar, DM (HAFED), Rewari, said 8,684 MT bajra was procured by the government in Rewari district, while Neeraj Tyagi, DM, Mahendragarh, said his district recorded a purchase of 15,000 MT bajra at Rs 1,900 to Rs 1,950 per quintal.

Govt offers aid to units managing paddy straw

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 13

Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav today released CPCB guidelines for the grant of one-time financial support for promoting establishment of paddy straw-based pelletisation and torrefaction plants. These plants, once set up, would utilise a sizable portion of the unmanaged paddy straw and help address the issue of crop residue burning and the resultant air pollution, Yadav said.

The guidelines give preference to units proposing to install equipment made in India. Preference will also be given to units which have agreement with farmers located in the NCT of Delhi, Punjab and Haryana and NCR districts of Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh to ensure assured supply of paddy straw.

"Individuals, entrepreneurs, firms interested in setting up pelletisation and tor-



Releases guidelines for setting up plants

refaction plants, using only paddy straw generated in the NCT of Delhi, Punjab and Haryana, and NCR districts of Rajasthan and UP can apply for a one-time grant on capital investment," Yadav said

"Paddy straw burning in northern regions of India has emerged as one of the major causes of air pollution during winters, especially in Delhi-NCR," Yadav said, urging farmers to avoid stubble-burning and promote its utilisation being a valuable resource and agricultural entrepreneurs to apply for grants under the guidelines.

Law Ministers' conference today

NEW DELHI: The All-India Conference of Law Ministers and Law Secretaries will be held at Ekta Nagar in Gujarat starting Friday. The conference from October 14 to 16 will see the participation of Law Ministers and Law Secretaries from states and union territories. TNS

Vigil up on state-UP border along Karnal to check arrival of PDS rice

Officials suspect grains meant for PDS could be delivered as custom milled rice

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KARNAL, OCTOBER 13

With the unearthing of an alleged paddy procurement scam in four rice mills and the seizure of 1,424 bags of rice reportedly brought from Bihar in a rice mill in Jundla, the district administration has intensified the vigil at the Haryana-UP border.

During a raid by the Chief Minister (CM) flying squad, around 80,000 quintals of paddy, worth nearly Rs 16 crore, was found short at grain markets in Jundla.

The duty magistrates, along with the police force, have been deployed round-the-clock at two nakas — Manglora and Shergarh Tapu — on the border.

As per the officials, the step had been taken to check the arrival of the public distribution system (PDS) rice or paddy from other states in the district.

According to officials of the district administration, the PDS rice is recovered from rice mills every year, which is brought at a lower price from other states and used to adjust against the proxy procurement done with the help of fake gate passes.

The arrival of paddy and rice keeps the officials of the district administration on toes every year.

The officials suspect the rice meant for the PDS could be delivered as custom milled rice (CMR) to the state.

"We have deployed duty magistrates on the Haryana-UP border, along with police force, to check the arrival of paddy and PDS rice from



The Karnal police officials at the Haryana-UP border on Thursday. TRIBUNE PHOTOS: SAYEED AHMED

OFFICIALS VIGILANT

“We have deployed duty magistrates on the Haryana-UP border, along with police force, to check the arrival of paddy and PDS rice from other states in Karnal. Our officials are keeping an eye on every vehicle. Anish Yadav, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

CHALLENGING TASK

“It was a challenging task for the authorities to keep a check on such people. There should be random physical verification of the mills at regular intervals to verify the allotment of paddy and availability of stock. Adm official

GATE PASSES NOT ISSUED, FARMERS PROTEST

- Farmers protested over the non-issuance of gate passes at one of the gates at the Karnal grain market on Thursday
- They raised slogans against the government and demanded the authorities to issue gate passes with immediate effect
- Some of the farmers even went to the NH-44 to block it, but after an appeal by other farmers, they came back
- Sunder Singh Kamboj, secretary, Karnal market committee, said there was an issue at gate number 4 due to a technical error, which was resolved later



Tractor-trailers queue at the Karnal grain market on Thursday.

other states in Karnal. Our officials are vigilant and keeping an eye on every vehicle,” said Anish Yadav, Deputy Commissioner.

As per sources, farmers from other states come to traders with samples of the PDS rice to finalise the deal.

An official said: “It is a challenging task for the authorities to keep a check on such people. There should be random physical verification of the mills at

regular intervals to verify the allotment of paddy and availability of stock.”

The Tribune had highlighted the issue of ‘fake gate passes’ being issued in various grain markets of the district for proxy procurement. After the reports, a team of the CM flying squad inspected the Jundla grain market and three mills, and found discrepancies there.

The team found a shortfall of 68,834 quintals in paddy

stock. Besides, a team of the Haryana State Agricultural Marketing Board (HSAMB) also conducted a physical verification at another mill and found 13,095 quintals of paddy short than the actual procurement made by the mill.

The Karnal police have already registered an FIR against four millers.

The Chief Administrator of the HSAMB, Sujan Singh, has suspended the secretary of the Jundla grain market,

Pawan Chopra, in this regard. Besides, action has been recommended against erring officials of the grain market.

After the issue came to fore, the HSAMB has also increased vigil at the grain market. Eight teams of the HSAMB are on regular checking. “Our teams are inspecting various grain markets of the state to check proxy procurement and the issuance of fake gate passes,” the Chief Administrator said.