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Licences of 6 fertiliser dealers suspended

YAMUNANAGAR, OCTOBER 4

Cracking a whip on violators, the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Yamunanagar, has suspended the licences of six fertiliser dealers in the district.

The action came after a team of the Agriculture Department conducted raids on several fertiliser dealers in the district today.

The licence of a fertiliser dealer was suspended due to the non-matching of the physical stock with the point of sale machine and stock register. The licences of five others were suspended as they fled after downing the shutters of their shops on seeing the team of the department. The team sealed their sales counters.

"We suspended the licences of six fertiliser dealers in Yamunanagar district on Monday," said Dr Pardeep Meel, DDA of the Agriculture Department, Yamunanagar.

He said the raid was conducted following information that

some fertiliser dealers were supplying subsidised agriculture-grade urea to plywood factories. "The department is keeping an eye on the dealers not maintaining fertiliser stock in the prescribed format," said DDA Dr Pardeep Meel. — TNS



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REGISTRAR

Bajra being bought below MSP, farmers await govt aid

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REWARI, OCTOBER 4

Bajra is being procured by Hafed at the rate of Rs 1,950 per quintal at various grain markets in Jhajjar, Rewari and Mahendragarh districts.

Since the Centre announced Rs 2,350 per quintal as the minimum support price (MSP) for bajra, the farmers have been waiting for the state government's announcement for a financial aid under the Bhavantar Bharpai Yojana (BBY) to fill the difference between the MSP and the procurement price.

"We were confident about getting paid as per the MSP but bajra is being procured at Rs 1,950 per quintal. The government should have announced monetary aid under the BBY before initiating the procurement process. We have no option but to wait for the aid," said Krishan, a farmer.

Sources said the government had decided to provide monetary aid to the bajra growers under the BBY, but the announcement was yet to be announced in this respect.

As per the schedule, the Hafed had started procuring bajra from October 1, but only 278 quintals had been procured in the Rewari grain market in three days. Low

PRODUCE BEING DECLARED UNFIT

“The produce of many farmers is being declared unfit for quality reasons. It forces the growers to sell their produce to private players at much lower rates. Why is bajra being bought in the open market when its quality is not fit for consumption?”

Radheshyam Mittal, PRES, BEOPAR MANDAL NEW GRAIN MARKET



A labourer manages bajra at a grain market in Jhajjar on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

procurement has triggered resentment among a section of local commission agents.

Radheshyam Mittal, president, Beopar Mandal New Grain Market, Rewari, said it seemed that the government agency was least bothered about procuring bajra of all farmers in Rewari as the procurement process in the bordering Jhajjar and Mahendragarh districts was much more than Rewari.

"The produce of many farmers is being declared unfit

for quality reasons. It forces the growers to sell their produce to private players at much lower rates. Why is bajra being bought in the open market when its quality is not fit for consumption?" said Mittal, adding that the government should ensure the procurement of bajra of every farmer.

Refuting the allegations, Sant Ram, District Manager, Hafed, said good-quality bajra of every farmer was being procured as per the government's guidelines.

Narendra Yadav, secretary, market committee, Rewari, said 28 quintal bajra was bought by the Hafed yesterday, while 250 quintal had been procured today, adding that more than 1.5 lakh quintals of bajra had been bought to the open market so far.

Meanwhile, JK Abhir, Mahendragarh Deputy Commissioner, said the state government was committed to paying farmers Rs 2,350 per quintal for bajra, adding that the farmers need not worry.

Farmers end stir after 48 days

ABOHAR, OCTOBER 4

Farmers, protesting under the banner of the BKU-Rajewal for the past 48 days, today ended their stir after DC Himanshu Aggarwal and SP Bhupinder Singh intervened.

Earlier, Abohar MLA Sandeep Jakhar joined the dharna and criticised the district administration and AAP leaders for not contacting the protesters even after the death of 55-year-old farmer Sukhwinder Shinda of Dalmirkhera village on Sunday evening.

BKU spokesman Rajan Singh said the DC and the SP assured farmers that a family member of Sukhwinder would be given a government job and fiscal aid. After this, the kin agreed for the autopsy of the body. The last rites will be performed at Dalmirkhera village tomorrow.

The administration has also assured the farmers that the process to assess loss to the cotton crop and fruit orchards will be completed soon to pave the way for compensation. — OC

Make timely payment to sugarcane growers, minister tells millers

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CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 4

Cooperation Minister Banwari Lal today said that all sugar mills in the state should make timely payment to sugarcane farmers.

A target of crushing about 500 lakh quintals of sugarcane has been fixed for the current financial year.

Sugarcane crushing will start across the state in the first week of November. All necessary preparations in that regard must be completed by the end of October, the minister said. He was presiding over a review meeting of the Cooperative Federation officials.

He said the government had directed the officials concerned to ensure that the repair and maintenance work was completed in a time-bound manner at all sugar mills. No sugar mill should be non-functional during the sugarcane crushing season this year, the minister said.



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