

Rabi procurement commences today; govt introduces tech-driven reforms

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CHANDIGARH, MARCH 31 Haryana is set to roll out an upgraded, technology driven procurement system as the rabi marketing season 2026-27 begins on April 1, with the state government claiming full preparedness and announcing a series of measures to streamline operations and enhance transparency.

The procurement drive will continue till May 15 across mandis in the state. In a significant relief to farmers, the government has relaxed the requirement of their physical presence during the procurement process. While procurement will remain biometric-based, verification can now be completed either by the farmer or any one of the three nominees designated by him. In a bid to curb irregularities, all mandi locations have been geo-fenced. This ensures that key activities such as issuance of gate passes, auctioning, generation of J-Forms (sale receipts) and lifting of produce are carried out strictly within mandi premises.

Biometric verification eased; geo-fencing to ensure transparency



KEY FEATURES	
■ Procurement period: April 1 to May 15	■ Gate pass rules: Vehicle photo and number mandatory
■ Biometric verification: Farmer or one nominee allowed	■ Eligibility: Only registered farmers on Meri Fasal Mera Byora portal
■ Geo-fencing: Must for mandis & storage points	■ Objective: Transparency, authenticity, and streamlined procurement system
■ Crop verification: Satellite imagery + field inspection + HARSAC heat maps	

Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister, Rajendra Singh, said, "To achieve transparency, physical presence of farmers or any of his designated nominee within the geo-fenced

zone of the mandi would be verified, thereby preventing any unauthorised individual from fraudulently selling the produce in the farmer's name."

He added that procurement would be carried out only for farmers registered on the Meri Fasal Mera Byora portal. To further strengthen

authenticity, the government has introduced a multi-layered crop verification system. "The crop verification will be done through a satellite imagery-based system to verify the crops grown on the land declared by the farmers, inspected by revenue, district agriculture officials, and heat maps generated by Haryana Space Application Centre (HARSAC) as a third layer of validation using," the minister said.

Strict norms have also been laid down for gate pass issuance. Uploading of vehicle photographs along with registration numbers has been made mandatory. "In case where vehicles do not have number plates, farmers will be allowed to display the number manually on paper or by paint, which will be treated as valid," he added.

Exit gate passes will be issued only when vehicles are physically present within geo-fenced mandi zones. Similar geo-fencing norms have been extended to storage locations to ensure that foodgrain is accepted in warehouses only upon verified physical presence.

Hailstorm hits standing crops, farmers fear loss of output

Growers seek special girdawari to assess crop losses

DEEPPENDER DESWAL

HISAR/JIND, MARCH 31 A sudden spell of hailstorm coupled with rain has left farmers in several villages of Hisar and Jind districts worried, with standing rabi crops suffering damage just ahead of harvesting. Hail accompanied by strong winds flattened crops in many areas, damaging ripened grains of wheat and mustard and raising concerns over both yield and quality.



Flattened wheat crop in a village in Hisar district. TRIBUNE PHOTO

According to the India Meteorological Department, most districts in Haryana received light to moderate rainfall on Tuesday. Mahendragarh recorded the highest rainfall at 8 mm, followed by Hisar with 7.8 mm. The weather disturbance also led to a slight dip of 0.3°C in the average maximum temperature across the state.

In Hisar district, villages such as Kharia, Dobhi, Shahpur, Matrashyam, Kirtan, Siswala and Rawalwas witnessed intense hailstorm along with rain, resulting in damage to standing crops.

Farmers said wheat, mustard, barley, gram and fodder crops were among the worst affected. The flattening of crops due to hail and wind has heightened fears of significant losses. Though no official assessment has been conducted so far, farmers claimed that the damage was substantial and urged the state government to initiate a special girdawari for loss assessment and compensation.

Hailstorm and rainfall were also reported from villages, including Kharkari Khokha and Shahpur areas, as well as parts of the Sulkhani region.

A farmer, Ram Prakash Bishnoi, said, "Hail can damage ripened wheat grains. However, there is no major impact in areas where the

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The farmer leaders demanded that the compensation portal be opened at the earliest and that a special girdawari be conducted by the administration to assess the damage.

'Tughlaqi diktats' on crop purchase show govt's anti-farmer intent: Rao Narender

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CHANDIGARH, MARCH 31 Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee president Rao Narender Singh on Monday launched a sharp attack on the BJP government over the procurement process of wheat and mustard.

He termed it a "Tughlaqi diktat" and said the new rules are a "clever conspiracy" to harass farmers and evade procurement at MSP (minimum support price).

He said that as per the new guidelines, farmers must bring their produce in their own tractor-trolleys with the registration number clearly displayed.

Photos of the trolley and registration number would be taken at the mandi gate and must be uploaded on the government's 'Meri Fasal, Mera Byora' portal. Only then would a gate pass be issued. The time for bringing pro-



Rao Narender Singh. FILE

duce to the mandi is restricted from 6 am to 8 pm. No gate pass would be issued beyond this time. Also, each registered farmer must personally visit the mandi for biometric (thumb) verification.

For lifting of produce, the signatures of the Market Committee Secretary, a procurement agency official and the transporter are mandatory. Rao Narender said these rules would create procedural hurdles, leading to long queues in mandis, delay in

the arrival of crops and disruption in lifting operations. He said harvesting through combine harvesters continues day and night, and crops often reach mandis at night. "Due to time restrictions, the produce will have to wait outside mandis, increasing costs and the risk of spoilage."

He also pointed out that not every farmer owns a tractor-trolley. Many depend on rented ones. In such cases, it is unclear how the portal system would function, especially when the government does not permit commercial use of rented trolleys, he said.

He alleged that by reducing the procurement target (from 8 million tonnes to 7.2 million tonnes) and limiting storage capacity, the government is deliberately attempting to reduce procurement.

He further alleged that after the rollback of the three farm laws, there is now an attempt to weaken MSP through the "backdoor."

Third arrest in Kotak scam, probe widens

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CHANDIGARH, MARCH 31 The State Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau (SV&ACB) has arrested a third accused in the over Rs 150 crore Kotak bank scam linked to the Municipal Corporation, Panchkula. The accused, a resident of Rajpura in Punjab, was apprehended from Sirhind. Investigators said an amount of Rs 2.36 crore was allegedly transferred into his bank account from MC Panchkula funds. He is stat-

ed to be associated with accused Rajat Dahra, who is currently in police custody.

The probe has also identified another accused, Vinod, also from Rajpura, who had died on August 17, 2024. His death certificate has been obtained as part of the investigation.

Earlier, the SV&ACB had arrested Rajat Dahra, who allegedly disclosed during questioning that he had received over Rs 70 crore from MC Panchkula accounts. The money was subsequently routed to

multiple accounts, which are now under scrutiny.

The first arrest in the case was made on March 25, when Dileep Singh Raghav, a relationship manager with Kotak Mahindra Bank, was taken into custody. He is accused of sending emails to MC Panchkula with incorrect details regarding fixed deposits.

Meanwhile, in a significant development, Kotak Mahindra Bank on Sunday returned Rs 127 crore, the principal amount, to MC Panchkula.

14,019 govt schools get just one day to spend ₹12.83 cr on sports gear

NITISH SHARMA

AMBALA, MARCH 31

The Haryana School Shiksha Pariyojana Parishad has provided a budget of Rs 12.83 crore for sports equipment to be purchased for government schools in the state for financial year 2025-26.

However, the budget given on March 30 with the direction to utilise the funds by March 31 has triggered unhappiness among the teachers involved in the procurement process.

In its directions issued to all District Project Coordinators (DPCs), Smagra Shiksha, Haryana, on March 30, the parishad stated that the competent authority has accorded Administrative and Financial Approval for the utilisation of the approved grant amounting to Rs 12.83 crore for procurement of sports items for FY 2025-26. The procurement was to be carried out by the schools at their own level in

accordance with the budget allotted by the government.

While the government primary schools were given a budget of Rs 5,000 each, the upper primary schools got Rs 10,000 each and secondary schools and senior secondary schools have been provided a budget of Rs 20,000 each.

As per the data, there are 14,019 government schools, including 8,654 primary schools, 2,220 upper primary schools, 927 secondary schools and 2,218 senior secondary schools, and these have been allocated Rs 12.83 crore. The procurement was to be made through six-member school-level committees comprising the chairperson of the school management committee (SMC), school head, sarpanch or municipal councillor, one SMC member having sports background, assistant education officer and physical education teacher. The DPCs were directed to initiate the procurement

process immediately and ensure timely and proper utilisation of funds by March 31. An official in the Education Department said, "Such grants are important for schools and students and it should be ensured that the committees get adequate time to compare and buy the products. In such a situation, there is always a possibility that the committees may end up buying products at higher prices. But if they get adequate time, they can go to different dealers and get a good deal."

Meanwhile, District Project Coordinator Seema said, "As soon as the orders were received, directions were issued to the officials concerned to constitute the committee and procure the sports equipment. All efforts are being made to ensure that the directions are complied with and the schools purchase good quality items as per their requirement."

Gurugram to get country's first modern cow sanctuary

SUMEDHA SHARMA

GURUGRAM, MARCH 31

In a major initiative aimed at addressing the stray cattle problem and ensuring better animal care, the Haryana Government is developing the country's first modern 'Cow Sanctuary' (Gau Abhayaranya) at Hasanpur village in Nuh district.

Spread over nearly 50 acres, the project seeks to move beyond the conventional model of overcrowded gashalhas by creating an open-range habitat where cattle can roam freely. The sanctuary will include desig-

nated grazing zones, a state-of-the-art veterinary hospital and advanced waste management systems.

Self-sustaining green model

The project has been designed with a focus on environmental sustainability and economic viability. Among its key features is a waste-to-energy plant that will convert cow dung into CNG. The sanctuary will also promote large-scale production of organic fertilisers and Panchgavya-based products.

Officials said the initiative is expected to generate employment opportunities for local



young in Hasanpur, particularly in animal care, processing and allied activities. Experts believe that the

DIGNITY FOR ANIMALS, SAFETY FOR CITIZENS

"This project is not just about clearing roads; it's about dignity for the animals and safety for our citizens. By moving from traditional shelters to a scientific sanctuary, we are solving a long-standing urban crisis."

Pradeep Dahiya, MCG COMMISSIONER

across the state.

Addressing stray cattle issue The move comes as Guru-

gram continues to grapple with a high number of stray cattle despite repeated relocation drives. According to data from the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram, more than 6,100 stray cattle were still roaming the city's streets in early 2026.

Civic authorities have identified stray animals as a major cause of road accidents and traffic congestion on key roads. Under the "Mission Safe Gurugram" campaign, the MCG has stepped up enforcement, relocating nearly 600 animals in recent months and penalising dairy owners who abandon cattle.

SALE NOTICE UNDER INSOLVENCY AND BANKRUPTCY CODE, 2016 VENUS GARMENTS (INDIA) LIMITED - In Liquidation

Liquidator's office: 5203, DLF CITY PHASE-4, Gurgaon, Haryana, 122002. Date & Time of E-Auction: Saturday, 25th April, 2026 from 11:00 am to 03:00 pm

Notice is hereby given to the public at large for inviting bids for Sale of M/S VENUS GARMENTS (INDIA) LIMITED - In Liquidation having its registered office at Village Hussainpura, Opposite Hotel Amaltas, G T Road (West), Ludhiana, Punjab - 141008 by the Liquidator appointed by the Honble NCLT, Chandigarh dated 22.07.2025 on "As is where is basis", "As is what is basis", "Whatever there is basis", and "No recourse basis".

Sr No./Option No.	Nature of Business/Asset and Description	Reserve Price (INR)	Earnest Money Deposit (INR)	Incremental Bid Amount (INR)
Sale of the Corporate Debtor's Assets in standalone basis/parcel/ lots Date and Time of Auction: Saturday, 25th April, 2026 at 11:00 AM to 03:00 PM.				
Lot A-1	Land and Building, situated at Village Hussainpura, Near Hotel Amaltas, GT Road, Ludhiana, Punjab, admeasuring 3630 Sq. Yards (0.75 acres).	10,36,00,000	55,00,000	2,50,000
Lot A-2	Land and Building, situated at Kharsa No. 12/5-6, Khata No. 2354/2606, 2355/2607, Village Kara Bara, Ludhiana, Punjab, admeasuring 1300.25 Sq. Yards.	4,70,00,000	25,00,000	1,50,000
Lot A-3	Land and Building, situated at B-XXII/ E6/1540, Kakawal Road, Ludhiana, Punjab, admeasuring 4840 Sq. Yards.	12,54,00,000	70,00,000	2,50,000
Lot A-4	Land and Building, Plot No. A-9, Part A, Punjab Apperal Park, Village Barmalpur, GT Road, Tehsil Payal, Ludhiana, Punjab, admeasuring 9039.48 Sq. Yards.	3,05,00,000	17,00,000	1,50,000
Lot A-5	Securities and Financial Assets comprising of 1,84,000 equity shares with a face value of Rs.10 each in M/S Glaze Garments (India) Limited (but excluding bank balance)	6,00,000	35,000	5,000
Last date of submission of Eligibility Documents		22nd April, 2026 in the manner mentioned in detail E-auction Process Document		
Inspection of Assets of Corporate Debtor		From 1st April 2026 to 22nd April, 2026		
Last Date for submission of Earnest Money Deposit		22nd April, 2026		
Date and time of E-Auction for qualified bidders		25th April, 2026 at 11:00 AM to 03:00 PM		

Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction:

- E-Auction will be conducted on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS", "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" through e-auction platform <https://baanknet.com> (with unlimited extension of 5 min each).
- Prospective bidders need to register on Baanknet auction platform. (<https://baanknet.com>; <https://bbi.baanknet.com/eauction-ibbi/home>) and should carefully submit the requisite documents, including a declaration of eligibility under Section 29A of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code through the electronic auction platform.
- Kindly note that the prospective bidders shall submit an undertaking that they do not suffer from any ineligibility under section 29A of the Code to the extent applicable and that if found ineligible at any stage, the earnest money deposited shall be forfeited.
- Prospective bidders shall deposit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) through the Baanknet auction platform. It is also specified that if the bidder is found ineligible under any criteria, EMD shall be forfeited as per IBBI, vide Circular No. IBBI/LI/04/2025 dated 28th March, 2025.
- Kindly note that EMD payment must be made through the BAANKNET portal by adding funds to the E-Wallet and clicking "Participate" for the respective auction. Name of Eligible Bidders will be identified and conveyed by Liquidator to participate in online e-auction on the portal www.baanknet.com. The interested bidders should create their User ID & Password in the auction portal and deposit their EMD amount in the E-Wallet of the portal. For any query regarding the e-auction portal, reach out to BAANKNET (Bank Asses Auction Network), Email ID: support.baanknet@psballance.com, Mobile no: +91 8291220220.
- All the auction process documents are uploaded on the Baanknet Portal and the participants must download the same and submit all the documents on the portal.
- The Bidders, prior to submitting their Bid, should make their independent enquiries, regarding the Company, Assets, incidental costs, if any, at their own expense and satisfy themselves.
- The Successful Bidder will be responsible for the applicable stamp duties, legal cost, transfer charges and fees, GST and other taxes related to the sale unit under this E-Auction and for completing the documentation. The Successful Bidder shall bear the applicable stamp duties/transfer charge, fees etc, and all the statutory/ non-statutory dues, taxes, rates, assessment charges, fees etc, in respect of the property/ asset put on auction. Any statutory and other dues payable and due on property/ asset shall be borne by purchaser as per the provisions of applicable law.
- As per the Paragraph 12 of Schedule I of IBBI (Liquidation Process), Regulations, 2019, on the close of the auction, the highest bidder shall be invited to provide balance sale consideration within 90 days of the date of such demand. Provided that payments made after thirty days shall attract interest at the rate of 12%. Provided further that the sale shall be cancelled if the payment is not received within 90 days. As per the Schedule I of IBBI (Liquidation Process), Regulations, within three days of declaring the highest bidder, the liquidator shall conduct due diligence and verify the eligibility of the highest bidder, and the due diligence conducted on the highest bidder shall be reported to the liquidator. The liquidator shall declare the highest bidder as the successful bidder or reject such bid, after consultation with the consultation committee under regulation 31A. If a bidder is found ineligible, the earnest money deposited by him shall be forfeited. In case the highest bidder is found ineligible, the liquidator may, in consultation with the consultation committee, declare the next highest bidder as the successful bidder after following the same process as provided under clause (12A) to clause (12E) of the Schedule I of IBBI (Liquidation Process), Regulations. On payment of the full amount, the sale shall stand completed, the liquidator shall execute certificate of sale of sale deed to transfer such assets and the assets shall be delivered to him in the manner specified in the terms of sale.
- It is clarified that this invitation purports to invite prospective bidders and does not create any kind of binding obligation on the part of the Liquidator or the Company to effectuate the sale. The Liquidator reserves the right to cancel or modify the e-auction process and / or not to accept and / or disqualify any interested party / potential investor / bidder without assigning any reason and without any liability.
- The documents regarding the above assets can be inspected by the prospective bidders with a prior appointment in accordance with the terms of the E-Auction Process Document, by contacting Mr. Pramod Kumar Misra at +91 9810702519.
- PLEASE REFER THE COMPLETE E-AUCTION PROCESS DOCUMENT/ E-AUCTION PROCESS MEMORANDUM FOR THE DETAILS/ TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AUCTION.
- Sale shall be subject to the provisions of Insolvency and Bankruptcy code, 2016 and Regulations.

Sd/- Pramod Kumar Misra Liquidator : Venus Garments (India) Limited (Under Liquidation) IBBI Reg No: IBBI/PA-001/IP-P-02669/2022-2023/14099

Date: 01/04/2026 Place: Gurgaon AFA Valid Up to: 30.06.2026

