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State may miss paddy procurement target: FCI officials

Agri Dept blames it on reduced buying, claims production up

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Punjab could fall short of its paddy procurement target of 185 lakh metric tonne (LMT) as the procurement season nears its end this month. Ninety-seven per cent of the paddy crop had already been harvested in the state.

Interestingly, while the FCI officials, basing their estimates on the initial claims by the state Agriculture Department regarding the fall in crop yield by 5-7 per cent, cite this as the main reason for the lower than targeted procurement, department officials blame the FCI for rejecting paddy not meeting specifications on moisture content.

"Of the total 2,174 crop cutting experiments to be conducted, the results of 1,849 have shown that the crop yield is 6,878 kg per hectare. Last year, it was 6,740 kg per hectare. This means the paddy production is high. If the procurement is less than target, maybe it is being rejected for procurement," said an official of the Agriculture Department.

However, FCI sources fear the paddy procurement from the state will hover around 170 LMT. Till date, 162.78 LMT paddy has arrived in mandis across the state, of which 159.60 LMT has been procured by the state government agencies and the FCI.

The daily paddy arrivals have come down to 1.40-1.50 LMT. This is expected to go down to a few thousand LMT in the next two-three days, which has made the food procurement agencies believe that the target of procuring 185 LMT paddy cannot be met.

"Though the season will officially end on November 30, we expect the procurement operations to wind up by the end of this week. If the quantity of paddy procurement falls by 15 LMT below the target, even the amount of rice to be delivered from Punjab to the central pool will fall by 10-11 LMT," said a senior FCI official.

However, this is not bothering the Centre or the state governments as the country's granaries are brimming with rice. Inquiries made by *The Tribune* reveal that as on November 1, the country had 326 LMT rice in its stocks. In Punjab, 113 LMT rice is present in the granaries.

Meanwhile, FCI's Punjab State Regional General Manager B Srinivasan said, "On average 15-20 rakes are being shifted from Punjab daily. When the procurement season began in October, we had only 5 LMT space for storing this year's rice. In October, we moved out 13 LMT rice and another 7 LMT in November so far. We will be on target to create 90 LMT space by March 2025," said .

With 4,872 rice millers now on board to process paddy and 4,840 have already been allotted produce, a team of the IIT-Kharagpur on Monday visited two rice mills each in Ludhiana, Sangrur and Moga. The team is here to assess the out turn ratio (OTR) of milling PR 126 variety of paddy.

Man shot dead in Bathinda

BATHINDA, NOVEMBER 18

One person was shot dead by two bike-borne miscreants at Mehna chowk on Monday late evening. The deceased was identified as Nirmal Singh of Neeta street. The miscreants managed to flee after the incident. Nirmal Singh reportedly worked at an AC repair shop. He was travelling on a scooter with his co-owner when two motorcycle-borne miscreants opened fire on him. One bullet hit him in the forehead and he collapsed. — TNS

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Name of Branch & Address/ Account No.	Name of Account/ Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Details of property	Amount as per demand notice / Demand Notice Date / Possession Type	Reserve Price / EMD / Bid Increase Amount	Name of the Authorised Officer	Date/ Time of E-Auction
BRANCH: JAGRAON Phone: 01624-222573, E-mail:- Jagraon.ludhiana@bankofindia.co.in (IFSC Code: BKID0006519, Remaining Amount Deposit Account No. 651990200000033, Account Name: DISBURSEMENT)	**Mr. Kulwant Singh S/o Sher Singh & Mrs. Manjit Kaur W/o Kulwant Singh**	All that part & parcel of residential land & building measuring 61 sq. yards as per Sale Deed No. 1717 dated 27.07.2016 comprising residential property situated at MCJ No. 5001, near Subhash Gate Mohallan Tehlian, Tehsil Jagraon, Distt. Ludhiana in the name of Mrs. Manjit Kaur.	**Rs. 7,37,940.91** plus further interest plus other charges thereon / 11.09.2019 / **PHYSICAL POSSESSION**	**Rs. 8.90 Lakh** + TDS as applicable / **Rs. 89,000/-** / **Rs. 10,000/-**	**Jashan Preet Singh Mobile 9417786226**	**26.12.2024 11.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.**
BRANCH: JARG Phone: 01628-287122, E-mail:- Jarg.ludhiana@bankofindia.co.in (IFSC Code: BKID0006514, Remaining Amount Deposit Account No. 651490200000033, Account Name: DISBURSEMENT)	**Harpreet Singh Mandair**	Commercial vehicle from TATA Motors Model No. 4623SCRE BS-IV Vehicle registration No. PB10HJ6399	**Rs. 26,16,318**/- Plus further, Interest Plus other Charges w.e.f. 23.06.2022 / 23.06.2022 / **PHYSICAL POSSESSION**	**Rs. 17.01 Lakh** + TDS as applicable / **Rs. 1.71 Lakh** / **Rs. 10,000/-**	**Mr. Vinod Kumar Mobile 9988439656**	**26.12.2024 11.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.**
BRANCH: GIDDERBAHA Phone: 01637-232555, E-mail:- gidderbaha.ludhiana@bankofindia.co.in (IFSC Code: BKID0006319, Remaining Amount Deposit Account No. 631990200000033, Account Name: DISBURSEMENT)	**Sukhpal Singh S/o Balveer Singh, Daljit Kaur W/o Sukhpal Singh**	Residential Property measuring 0K-04 Marla-03 Sarsahi (133.33 Sq. Yards) at Gidderbaha, Street No. 02. Ambedkar Nagar, Adjacent to G.T. Road, Near Deep Petrol Pump, Gidderbaha, Tehsil Gidderbaha, Distt. Muktsar vide Deed No. 225 dated 09.05.2017, owned by Daljit Kaur W/o Sukhpal Singh	**Rs. 8,76,999.42** Plus further, Interest Plus other Charges w.e.f. 01.04.2021 / 16.08.2021 / **PHYSICAL POSSESSION**	**Rs. 10.20 Lakh** + TDS as applicable / **Rs. 1.02 Lakh** / **Rs. 10,000/-**	**Mr. Vipul Goyal Mobile 77383-36693**	**26.12.2024 11.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.**
BRANCH: RAIKOT Phone: 01624-264378, E-mail:- raekot.ludhiana@bankofindia.co.in (IFSC Code: BKID0006520, Remaining Amount Deposit Account No. 652090200000033, Account Name: DISBURSEMENT)	**Mr. Rajesh Kumar Jain S/o Sh. Bajrang Dass, Mrs. Sushma Jain W/o Rajesh Jain**	Property/ Plot No. 66 measuring 200 Sq. Yards comprised in Khasra No. 51//18/1, 23/1, 23/2, 24/1, 51//18/1, 19/2/1, 22/2, 51//16, Khata No. 1105/1148, 1736/1824, 825/859, 1746/1834 as per jamabandi for the year 2009-10 situated at Village Lalton Kalan-I, H.B. No. 291, Tehsil & District Ludhiana in locality Anand Enclave Block No. C, Tehsil & District Ludhiana. The property is owned by Mr. Rajesh Kumar Jain S/o Mr. Bajrang Dass vide Sale Deed bearing Wasika No. 3492 dated 08.07.2016. The property is bounded as: East: Road 35' wide, West: Plot 105, North: Plot No. 67 and South: Plot No. 65.	**Rs. 73,67,606/-** Plus further, Interest Plus other Charges w.e.f. 13(2) Notice / 04.07.2024 / **PHYSICAL POSSESSION**	**Rs. 52.16 Lakh** + TDS as applicable / **Rs. 5.22 Lakh** / **Rs. 10,000/-**	**Mr. Vipul Goyal Mobile 77383-36693**	**26.12.2024 11.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.**
BRANCH: BANUR Phone: 01762-251424, E-mail:- banur.ludhiana@bankofindia.co.in (IFSC Code: BKID0006562, Remaining Amount Deposit Account No. 656290200000033, Account Name: DISBURSEMENT)	**Mr. Om Parkash S/o Sh. Perra Ram, Mr. Vijay Kumar S/o Shri Om Parkash, Mr. Suresh Kumar S/o Sh. Kanhaya Lal C/o Kanhaya Lal & Sons**	Commercial property comprised in Khewat/ Khata No. 5/6, Khasra No. 90/13=1-16, Kita 1 Tedadi 514/1800 share of 1 Bigha-16 Biswa i.e. 0-10-14/50 Biswa, Khewat Khata No. 6/7 to 17 Khasra No. 85/5 Min=0-1, 83/8=0-1, 104/85/9=0-19, 86/10=0-5, 107/94/87/10Min=0-17, 106/94/87/10=0-10, 93/87/10=0-6, 99/85/9=0-15, 94/8710=0-10, 100/85/9/2=0-5, 102/85/9=0-5, 101/85/9=0-10, 103/85/9=0-4, 78/4=4-17, 85/5Min=2-4, Kita 13 Tedadi 197/13450 share of 13B-9Bi i.e. 0-3-47/50 Biswa Total Area 0-14-12/50 Biswas (712 Sq. Yards) at Village Bir, GT Road towards Ambala, Near Kanwal Resorts, Rajpura District Patiala. The property is owned by Mr. Om Parkash, Mr. Suresh Kumar & Mr. Girdhar Madan.	**Rs. 21,62,144/-** Plus further, Interest Plus other Charges w.e.f. 01.01.2016 / 22.09.2016 / **PHYSICAL POSSESSION**	**Rs. 54.00 Lakh** + TDS as applicable / **Rs. 5.40 Lakh** / **Rs. 10,000/-**	**Mr. Suresh Kumar Khanna Mobile 98254 78366**	**26.12.2024 11.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.**
BRANCH: Ludhiana ARB Phone: 0161-5008544, E-mail:- Arb.ludhiana@bankofindia.co.in (IFSC Code: BKID0006508, Remaining Amount Deposit Account No. 650890200000033, Account Name: DISBURSEMENT)	**M/s Satkartar Solvex Pvt. Ltd.**	**Factory land & Building measuring 32Kanal-15Marla located at Vill. Sandehasham, Zira-Ferozepur Road, Distt Ferozepur:- (a)** Land measuring 08K situated at Vill. Sandehasham, Zira-Ferozepur Road, Distt. Ferozepur, Khasra M:18, Killa No. 3(8-0) Khewat No. 283, Khatauni 506, Jamabandi year 1994-95, Hadbast No. 126 in the name of Sat Kartar Solvex Pvt. Ltd. Vide vasika no. 5836 dated 27.01.2000. **(b)** Land measuring 08K situated at Vill. Sandehasham, Zira-Ferozepur Road, Distt. Ferozepur, Khasra M: 18, Killa No. 8(8-0) Khewat No. 283, Khatauni 506, Jamabandi year 1994-95, Hadbast No. 126 in the name of Sat KartarSolvex Pvt. Ltd. Vide vasika no. 5907 dated 01.02.2000. **(c)** Land measuring 03K-03M situated at Vill. Sandehasham, Zira-Ferozepur Road, Distt. Ferozepur, Khasra No. M-4, Killa No. 19 Min Lehnda (0-7) 22 Min Lehnda (0-16) = (1-3) Khewat No. 299, Khatauni 552, and Khasra M:18 Kila 2 min Lehanda (2-0) Khewat No. 283 Khatauni 506, Jamabandi year 1994-95, Hadbast No. 126 in the name of Sat KartarSolvex Pvt. Ltd. Vide vasika no. 6126 dated 15.02.2000. **(d)** Land measuring 08K situated at Vill. Sandehasham, Zira-Ferozepur Road, Distt. Ferozepur, Khasra M: 18, Kila No. 9(8-0) Khewat No. 283, Khatauni 506, Jamabandi year 1994-95, Hadbast No. 126 in the name of Sat KartarSolvex Pvt. Ltd. Vide vasika no. 5950 dated 03.02.2000. **(e)** Land measuring 05K-12M situated at Vill. Sandehasham, Zira-Ferozepur Road, Distt. Ferozepur, Khewat No. 383, Khatauni 637 Khasra M:4, Kila no. 19/1(3-13)22/2(7-4)=1/3 share of 10 K 17 M admeasuring 3K-12M and Khewat no. 365, Khatoni no. 572, Khasra M:18 kila 2/2(6-0) 1/3rd share admeasuring 2K, Jamabandi year 2004-05, Hadbast no. 126, in the name of Sat KartarSolvex Pvt. Ltd. Vide vasika no. 2344 dated 26.06.2006.	**Rs. 137.58 Lakh** + TDS as applicable / **Rs. 13,75,800/-** / **Rs. 50,000/-**	**Mr. Inder Jeet Sevta 0161-5008544 88475-55748**	**26.12.2024 11.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.**
BRANCH: Ludhiana ARB Phone: 0161-5008544, E-mail:- Arb.ludhiana@bankofindia.co.in (IFSC Code: BKID0006508, Remaining Amount Deposit Account No. 650890200000033, Account Name: DISBURSEMENT)	**M/s Satkartar Solvex Pvt. Ltd. Owner of Property: Mr. Ravi Kumar Narula S/o Mr Ram Nath Narula**	Residential plot measuring 17M-1 ½ Sarsahi situated at backside of Shivalya Mandir, Dr. Harbhajan Singh waliGali, Guruharsahai, Distt Ferozepur owned by Sh. Ravi Kumar Narula S/o Ram NathNarula vide vasika no. 3156 dated 28.03.2011.	**Rs. 772.90 Lacs** Plus further, Interest Plus other Charges w.e.f. 16.07.2015 / 15.07.2015 / **PHYSICAL POSSESSION**	**Rs. 15.01 Lakh** + TDS as applicable / **Rs. 1,50,100/-** / **Rs. 10,000/-**	**Mr. Inder Jeet Sevta 0161-5008544 88475-55748**	**26.12.2024 11.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.**
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BRANCH: Ludhiana ARB Phone: 0161-5008544, E-mail:- Arb.ludhiana@bankofindia.co.in (IFSC Code: BKID0006508, Remaining Amount Deposit Account No. 650890200000033, Account Name: DISBURSEMENT)	**M/s G S Brar Commission Agent** Owner of Property: **Mrs. Karamjeer Kaur W/o Gurpreet Singh**	Residential House Property (Land and Building) measuring 1395 Sq. Ft (5 marla) bearing wasika No. 5573 dated 13.03.2018, situated at Bhagat Singh Colony, Sodhe Wala Road, Ferozepur City, owned by Mrs. Karamjeer Kaur W/o Gurpreet Singh.	**Rs. 130.64 Lacs** Plus further, Interest Plus other Charges w.e.f. 21.06.2021 / 21.06.2021 / **PHYSICAL POSSESSION**	**Rs. 23.60 Lakh** + TDS as applicable / **Rs. 2,36,000/-** / **Rs. 10,000/-**	**Mr. Inder Jeet Sevta 0161-5008544 88475-55748**	**26.12.2024 11.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.**
BRANCH: Ludhiana ARB Phone: 0161-5008544, E-mail:- Arb.ludhiana@bankofindia.co.in (IFSC Code: BKID0006508, Remaining Amount Deposit Account No. 650890200000033, Account Name: DISBURSEMENT)	**M/s R P Enterprises Owner of Property: Mrs. Hardev Kaur W/o Mr. Ajit Singh**	Residential Land & Building measuring 261.00 Sq, Yards situated at B-XXX-3790, H. No. 146-147 Min, Street no 7, Hargobindpura,Vakia Sherpur Kalan, Inner Roads from G T Road, Tehsil & District Ludhiana standing in the name of Mrs. Hardev Kaur W/o Mr. Ajit Singh as per sale deed with Wasika No. 10394 dated 09.09.1987	**Rs. 136.11 Lacs** Plus further, Interest Plus other Charges w.e.f. 04.07.2019 / 03.07.2019 / **PHYSICAL POSSESSION**	**Rs. 60.00 Lakh** + TDS as applicable / **Rs. 6,00,000/-** / **Rs. 25,000/-**	**Mr. Inder Jeet Sevta 0161-5008544 88475-55748**	**26.12.2024 11.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.**

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The Authorised Officer / Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/ rights/ dues. No claim of whatsoever nature will be entertained after submission of the online bid regarding property/ies put for sale. **(4) The date of on line E-auction will be between 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM on 26.12.2024. (5) Date of Inspection will be on or before 19.11.2024 to 24.12.2024 between 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM with prior appointment with above mentioned branch. (6)** Bid shall be submitted through online procedure only. **(7) The Bid price to be submitted shall be above Reserve price and bidders shall improve their further offer in multiple as mentioned above. (8)** Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms & conditions of auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in E-Auction sale proceedings. **(9)** Bidders shall be deemed to have read & understood the terms & conditions of sale & be bound by them. **(10)** It shall be the responsibility of the interested bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the property before submission of the bid. **(11)** The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained towards part sale consideration and the EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded. **(12) The Earnest Money Deposit shall not bear any interest. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price including EMD already paid immediately or not later than next working day and the balance of the sale price on or before 15th day of sale. The auction sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. Default in deposit of amount by the successful bidder would entail forfeiture of the whole money, already deposited and property shall be put to re-auction and the defaulting bidder shall have no claim/ right in respect of property / amount. 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Further details/enquiries if any on the terms and conditions of sale can be obtained from the respective branches on the contact numbers given. **(18)** For more detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in secured creditors website i.e. **https://www.bankofindia.co.in/ https://eBKray.in.**

Date: 18.11.2024 **Place: Ludhiana** **Authorised Officer**

Farmers announce Delhi march on Dec 6 over MSP

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Farmer leader Sarwan Singh Pandher (C) at a press conference in Chandigarh on Saturday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: NITIN MITTAL

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 18

The Samyukt Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and the Kisan Mazdoor Morcha today announced their decision to hold a march to Delhi on December 6 in support of their demand for legal guarantee on MSP for all crops.

Members of the farmer unions owing allegiance to these fronts have been protesting at the state's borders with Haryana (Shambhu and Khanauri) for the past nine months. The Haryana Government has not allowed them to enter the state for their onwards march to Delhi.

Addressing media persons here today, farmer leader Sarwan Singh Pandher said the decision to march towards Delhi next month was taken at a meeting of farmer leaders as the Centre had refused to initiate any talks with them over the past nine months. "We will start the march in small jathas (batches). We have given enough time to the Centre to agree to our demands," he said.

The last round of talks between these unions and the ministerial delegation from the Centre and state government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, was held in February this year. Last week, the SKM (Non-Political) had also announced its decision to observe indefinite fast from November 26, if the Centre did not initiate talks on their demands.

Among other things, these farmer unions are also demanding the implementation of the recommendations of the Swaminathan Commission; debt waiver for farmers; social security cover for farmers and farm labourers; and justice for the victims of Lakhimpur Kheri violence in 2021.

Punjabi singer attacked in Australia

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BATHINDA, NOVEMBER 18

Punjabi singer Garry Sandhu was allegedly attacked during a live performance in Australia. The incident occurred when a fan ran to the stage and attempted to choke Sandhu.

A video pertaining to the incident is going viral on social media. As per information, while performing a song, Garry pointed towards the crowd by raising his middle finger (the gesture is considered socially indecent). The offensive gesture did not go down well with the fan, leading to a confrontation on the stage.

It is learnt that after the indecent gesture, a fan came out of the crowd, climbed onto the stage, and rushed toward Garry. He came and grabbed Garry's neck. Immediately after that, people from Garry's team and the New South Wales policemen reached there.

They rescued Garry from the clutches of the attacker.

HC raps govt for failing to secure purchased grains

SAURABH MALIK
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 18

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has rapped the State of Punjab for, prima facie, failing to secure purchased grains. The Bench also directed the Principal Secretary, Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, to appear virtually, along with the Managing Directors of the Punjab State Grains Procurement Corporation, Markfed and Punsup.

"Prima facie, the instrumentalities of the state are failing in their duties to secure purchased grains. Direction, if any, issued by this court will have wider implications," Justice Anil Kshetarpal of the high court asserted.

The Bench was hearing two petitions filed against the state and other respondents by Kalra Trading Company and another petitioner through counsel Charanjit Singh Bakhshi, Gourav Goel and Gourav Garg.

Justice Kshetarpal observed the two writ petitions were filed by the commission agents complaining that the state instrumentalities were failing to remove paddy purchased by them.

Appearing before Justice Kshetarpal's Bench, Bakhshi and other counsel representing the petitioners submitted that paddy was required to be removed within 72 hours after it had been purchased by the state instrumentalities in accordance with the instructions. The Bench was also told that the petitioners were, however, being discriminated against.

Justice Kshetarpal also took note of the respondents' contention in response to the submissions that the delay in clearing the stock was due to the problems created by rice millers. But the entire stock would be cleared by November 30.

"On a court question 'as to what will happen, if there is damage to the grains, due to heavy rain?', the counsel representing the respondents failed to put forth an explanation.

Record 1,251 straw fires in day

MOHIT KHANNA
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

PATIALA, NOVEMBER 18

Just when it was being assumed that farm fires in Punjab have passed the peak, the state witnessed 1,251 incidents on Monday, the highest this season so far. The total number of such cases across the state has reached 9,655.

Muktsar topped the list with 247 incidents, followed by Moga (149), Ferozepur (130), Bathinda (129), Fazilka (94), Faridkot (88), Tarn Taran (77) and Ferozepur (73).

The Punjab Pollution Control Board is under scrutiny and has been facing allegations of under-reporting farm fires. The scientists monitoring such cases claim the farmers are dodging the satellite by setting paddy residue on fire after 3 pm.

On Monday also, farmers were seen setting paddy residue on fire along the Patiala-Sirhind road in Patiala and Fatehgarh districts after 3 pm.

Ludhiana remained the most polluted city in the state with an AQI of 274, followed by Patiala (259) and Jalandhar (245). Amritsar and Mandi Gobindgarh also remained in the "poor" category with the value of particulate matter PM-10 reaching 242 and 217, respectively.

FARM FIRE TRACKER

SANGRUR	1,647
FEROZEPUR	1,189
TARN TARAN	802
AMRITSAR	703
BATHINDA	670
MUKTSAR	668
MOGA	596
MANSA	560
PATIALA	536
FARIDKOT	470
KAPURTHALA	321
LUDHIANA	246
FAZILKA	233
BARNALA	213
FATEHGARH SAHIB	207
GURDASPUR	189
MALERKOTLA	176
JALANDHAR	125