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Sub : United We Stand – suggestions with regard to Procurement Operations

Respected *Shri Navinder Modi ji,*

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

Sat Sri Akal

May I, at the very outset, extend my greetings and compliments to you for leading the country in this hour of crisis. Your clarion call to all your countrymen to stand together in this hour of global crisis, and your outreach to all the Chief Ministers shows your commitment towards building a national consensus on this grave issue.

Here in Punjab, we are taking pro-active steps under the leadership of our Hon'ble Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh, who like a true captain is leading from the front, and taking everyone's suggestions on board to grapple with the existing situation. He put it very succinctly '*we are fighting a war against an unknown enemy*'. But if we are united, we will fight and we shall win.

You are certainly aware that the advent of Baisakhi coincides with the harvest season, and this is one of the biggest logistics exercises, not just for Punjab but the entire country. While we have to take steps to ensure that the harvesting is not affected, and that the grains move seamlessly from the farm-gate to the procurement centres, and thence to the warehouse, we have to ensure that men and machinery involved in the operations are given a Covid-proof environment. The suggestions made in my letter to the CM of Punjab include the establishment of polythene tunnels of appropriate size at the entry points of every Mandi with automatic spraying system so that everyone and

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everything coming to a Mandi passes through such tunnels and get sanitized automatically. It is also important that the movement in the APMC yards is staggered to ensure minimal presence. The Agricultural Insurance Corporation may also be directed to provide a comprehensive life insurance cover to all those engaged in the procurement operations.

I also suggest that we equip the Fire Brigade vehicles with spray equipment to disinfect areas in and around the APMC yards, hospitals and other establishments where people may have to aggregate for carrying on with critical essential services.

I also look forward to sharing my thoughts and ideas with you or any institution or individual you advise.

I remain, in this hour of crisis, at your service to ensure that Punjab and India emerge victorious in this battle against corona.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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