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- Chandigarh, April 14 - Haryana Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Mr. Jai Prakash Dalal has appealed to the people of the state that social distancing is the only mantra to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, just like the people of the State have displayed discipline by following the directions issued by the Government in this regard, in the same manner, they should continue to display the same level of discipline till May 3 in view of the announcement made by the Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi.

- The Agriculture Minister assured the farmers of the State that the Government will buy each and every grain of farmers' produce and the farmers will not be allowed to face any kind of problem. Therefore, to make procurement easier and safer under the present circumstances, the number of procurement centres in the mandis has been increased. The Government will start procurement of Mustard and Gram from April 15, while the purchase of wheat would be started from April 20, he added.

- He said that arrangements have been made to provide masks, sanitizers, etc. to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at the procurement centres, besides which social distancing will be ensured. In addition, clean drinking water, toilets, soap for handwashing and complete sanitization of the premises of the procurement centres will be ensured, he added.

- He said that in order to ensure that farmers do not face any kind of problems the State Government has made proper arrangements for harvesting and lifting of crops, while the uninterrupted arrangement of Combine Harvester has also been ensured.