

# Parallel Girdavari

## “A Self initiative by Kisan Seva Samiti, Malpura”

The major crops grown in Malpura block are Wheat, Gram and mustard. Agriculture is the biggest source of livelihood for the farmers of the area.

It was the month of February when Rabi crops were on ripening stage; farmers had already invested a lot of money as input cost in the crop. They were hopeful that they would get a good production this season. Their happiness changed in worry when there was an incident of hail storm in the last week of February. The standing crops at ripening stage were almost completely destroyed in some of the villages due this disaster.

The Village Development Committees (VDCs)<sup>1</sup> members approached the Kisan Seva Samiti (KSS), Malpura<sup>2</sup> and shared the dilemma of the farmers with them. KSS discussed on the issue and decided to do parallel Girdavari<sup>3</sup> in the villages where severity of crop damage was high; the decision was shared with VDCs through telephonic conversation and VDCs were told to conduct Girdavari. After conducting the Girdavari VDCs submitted the report to KSS, in the report it was found that the condition was more severe in 33 villages where more than 60% crop was destroyed due to the occurrence of hail storm.

On 24.02.2014, KSS in coordination with Kisan Union organized *Dharna* in front of Sub Divisional Magistrate and demanded for proper assessment of the crop destroyed and compensation to farmers. Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) provided assurance to farmer's federation to conduct proper assessment and to send the report to state government for further action.

KSS again submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister through the SDM on 4.03.2014. As a result of efforts of KSS in coordination with other block level farmers federation, 33 villages were declared as disaster affected villages in Malpura block, revising the previous figure of 30, three villages namely Deshma, Kurthal and Kurthal Dhani were added on the basis of the Girdavari done by KSS.

Government has also declared compensation to farmer against their crop destroyed but farmer are still waiting for the payment to be made.

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<sup>1</sup> VDC- Village level community organization promoted by CECEOEDECON

<sup>2</sup> KSS – Block level federation of VDCs promoted by CECEOEDECON

<sup>3</sup> Girdavari – Assessment of crops by revenue department or by Patwari (revenue officer)