

Sat bats for higher wages for agriculture workers in Rajya Sabha, seeks enhanced incentives

NEW DELHI, JULY 31: J&K BJP President and Rajya Sabha MP Sat Sharma (CA) strongly raised the issue of low wage rates for agricultural workers as compared to certain other workers in the Rajya Sabha, urging the Union Government to further enhance wages and incentives for those engaged in farming.

Reaffirming the BJP's unwavering commitment to the welfare and dignity of farmers, he emphasized that those who feed the nation deserve fair economic recognition.

Describing farmers as the country's true "Annadata", Sat Sharma said it is unjust that wage rates, including VDA, in the agricultural sector remain substantially lower than those paid for occupations such as sweeping, watch and ward, loading, unloading and other categories of labour. He stressed that this disparity must be addressed to strengthen India's agricultural economy and ensure



Sat Sharma, BJP, Jammu & Kashmir

justice for the farming community. Sat Sharma sought to know whether the Government has any proposal to enhance the wages of farmers and agricultural workers, asserting that better remuneration is essential for improving their socio-economic security and encouraging the younger generation to remain connected with agriculture.

Sharma highlighted that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the welfare

of farmers has remained at the centre of national policymaking over the past twelve years. Historic initiatives such as PM-KISAN, enhanced MSP procurement, PM Fasal Bima Yojana, Soil Health Cards, expansion of Kisan Credit Cards, irrigation projects, promotion of natural farming and digital agriculture have significantly strengthened the socio-economic condition of crores of farmers across the country. He said his intervention in Parliament is aimed at taking

this pro-farmer vision a step further by ensuring fair and dignified wages for agricultural workers.

Sat Sharma also urged the Government to review the existing classification of cities under Categories A, B and C for determining wage structures. He requested that more rapidly growing urban centres be included in Category B, considering the sharp rise in living costs and expanding economic activity, so that workers receive equitable wage benefits.

Sat Sharma, expressing confidence in the Modi Government's commitment towards agricultural workers, said the concerns raised would receive due consideration. He reiterated that the BJP-led Government remains steadfast in empowering India's Annadatas, strengthening rural livelihoods and building a prosperous, self-reliant agricultural economy as the foundation of a Viksit Bharat.

Nalwa holds monthly state review meeting

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The BJP Minority Morcha, Jammu & Kashmir, on Friday held its monthly State Review Meeting in Jammu under the leadership of its President, S. Ranjodh Singh Nalwa, to assess the organisational activities of the Morcha and chalk out strategies for further strengthening the party's presence across the Union Territory.

The meeting was attended by H.S. Pummy, Prabhari of the Morcha, Adv. Jasmeet Kour Pandey and Dhamanjeet Singh, General Secretaries of BJP Minority Morcha J&K, Gurdeep Singh, District President, Jammu South, besides district presidents, district prabharis, state executive members and other senior office-bearers from across Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing the gathering, S. Ranjodh Singh Nalwa reviewed the organisational



performance of various districts and stressed the need to strengthen the Morcha at the grassroots level.

He called upon office-bearers to maintain close contact with people, intensify public outreach programmes and ensure the effective implementation of the party's policies and welfare initiatives among minority communities.

Nalwa urged party workers to remain united, disciplined and committed to public service while working to expand the organisational base of the Morcha throughout the Union Ter-

ritory. He emphasized that regular interaction with the people and active participation in social and developmental programmes would further strengthen the party's connect with minority communities.

The meeting also featured detailed discussions on organisational expansion, membership drives, upcoming programmes and coordination among district units.

Participants reviewed ongoing activities and exchanged suggestions to enhance the effectiveness of the Morcha's functioning at

the district and grassroots levels.

Senior leaders reiterated the BJP Minority Morcha's commitment to the vision and policies of the Bharatiya Janata Party and resolved to work collectively for inclusive development, social harmony and public welfare.

The meeting concluded with a pledge by all office-bearers to intensify organisational activities and strengthen the Morcha across Jammu and Kashmir through dedicated teamwork and greater public engagement.

MLA Commences Rs 2.90 cr Bantalab Nallah Restoration Project Under SASCI Scheme

JAMMU, JULY 31: Continuing the momentum of infrastructure development across Jammu North Assembly Constituency, MLA Jammu North Sham Lal Sharma today commenced the Keran/Bantalab Nallah Restoration Project in Ward No. 65, Gurha Brahmana under the SASCI Scheme.

The project, being executed by the Urban Environmental Engineering Department (UEED) at an estimated cost of ₹2.90 crore, aims to restore and

strengthen the drainage infrastructure through comprehensive restoration of the Keran/Bantalab Nallah. The initiative is designed to improve storm-water management, mitigate waterlogging and enhance public safety during the monsoon season.

The restoration project will significantly strengthen the drainage network by ensuring the smooth flow of rainwater, reducing the risk of flooding during heavy rainfall and improving overall sanitation in the area. Besides addressing a long-

pending civic requirement, the project will create durable public infrastructure, enhance environmental cleanliness and provide lasting relief to residents from recurring drainage-related problems.

On the occasion, Sham Lal Sharma expressed his gratitude to the Government of India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, for providing dedicated financial assistance to Jammu and Kashmir under the SASCI Scheme for the restoration

of infrastructure damaged due to floods and other natural calamities.

He said that the Centre's continued support has enabled the execution of critical restoration and flood protection works, strengthening public infrastructure and enhancing disaster resilience across the Union Territory. He further directed the executing agency to complete the project in a time-bound manner while maintaining the highest standards of quality and technical specifications.

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Jammu West MLA Arvind Gupta on Friday inaugurated the construction of a lane and drain in Ward No. 31. The project, sanctioned under the Constituency Development Fund (CDF), will be completed at an estimated cost of Rs 10 lakh.

Addressing residents on the occasion, Arvind Gupta said that upgrading basic civic infrastructure across the Jammu West Assembly constituency remains one of his foremost priorities. He asserted that development works would be undertaken in every locality in a planned and need-based manner.

"Reliable drainage, clean surroundings and well-constructed lanes are essential for improving people's quality of life. This project will address a long-pending demand of Ward No. 31 and provide considerable relief and convenience to residents," Gupta said.

The MLA stated that the



new drainage facility would help prevent waterlogging, improve sanitation and ensure the smooth disposal of wastewater. He added that the construction of the lane would also provide safer and more convenient access to residents, particularly during the rainy season.

Gupta said he remains committed to ensuring the effective utilisation of CDF funds for projects that directly benefit the public. He

also asked the executing agency to maintain the prescribed quality standards and complete the work within the stipulated timeframe.

The MLA assured residents that other genuine civic issues in the ward would also be addressed in coordination with the departments concerned. He called upon the public to actively participate in maintaining cleanliness and pro-

tecting newly created infrastructure.

Local residents welcomed the initiative and expressed gratitude to Arvind Gupta for taking up the long-pending development work.

Prominent among those present were Mandal President Anil Angral, former Councillor Sucha Singh, Arun Dubey, Deepak Kumar, Samardeep Singh, Pinki Bhatt, Bharat Jandiyal and Suman Dogra.

Koul reviews preparations for Tiranga Yatra, Har Ghar Tiranga campaign in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, AUG 31: J&K BJP General Secretary (Organization) Ashok Koul addressed a review meeting at S-1, Church Lane, Srinagar, to assess the preparations for the forthcoming Tiranga Yatra and Har Ghar Tiranga programmes and to ensure their effective and successful implementation across Jammu & Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by BJP Jammu & Kashmir General Secretary Mohammad Anwar Khan, BJP Spokesperson Altaf Thakur, and BJP District President Srinagar Adv. Sheikh Salman, along with senior party functionaries. During the meeting, de-

tailed discussions were held on the schedule of programmes, organizational coordination, booth-level participation, public outreach, and arrangements for ensuring the enthusiastic celebration of the national campaign across the region. The leaders reviewed preparations and emphasized close coordination among party workers to ensure maximum public participation.

Ashok Koul, while addressing the meeting, said that the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign has evolved into a nationwide people's movement under the leadership of Prime Minister

Narendra Modi, inspiring every citizen to proudly display the Tricolour and reaffirm their commitment to the unity and integrity of the nation while conveying the message of patriotism, unity, and collective responsibility.

Koul said that the Tiranga is not merely a national flag but a symbol of India's sacrifices, democratic values, and aspirations. He asked party workers to reach every village, ward, and locality to motivate citizens to hoist the National Flag with dignity and respect. He stressed that every BJP worker should actively connect with people at the

grassroots level and encourage every household to participate in the campaign with enthusiasm and patriotic fervour.

He asked party leaders to ensure that the programmes are conducted in a disciplined, well-coordinated, and inclusive manner across every district, mandal, and booth of Jammu & Kashmir, making the celebrations a true reflection of national unity.

Mohammad Anwar Khan said that the overwhelming response received by the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign in previous years reflects the growing spirit of nationalism among the people of Jammu & Kashmir. He said that people from all sections of society, particularly the youth, are eager to participate in programmes that celebrate India's unity and national pride.

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FRESH SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Fresh Short e-NIT No. 33 of 2026-27 Dated 11/07/2026

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor invites expression of interest for Hiring of 01 No. vehicles on monthly basis for using as operational for office use of Deputy Director Planning, Chief Office, PWD (R&B) Jammu Zone along with Driver for a period one year after the issue of allotment. The rates are to be quoted per month basis inclusive of all taxes and maintenance of vehicle and also including the charges of driver.

S. No	Category of vehicle	Name of Division	Tender Cost	Earnest Money	Number of vehicle	Terms of use
1	Hiring of 1 No vehicle (Bolero) for office use of Deputy Director Planning, Chief Office, PWD (R&B) Jammu Zone along with Driver (2nd Call)	PWD (R&B) Divn. Akhnoor	Rs. 600/- (In the shape of Treasury Challan under MH-0059)	Rs. 30000/-	01	To be Used whole of the month including Saturday, Sunday and other holidays

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	11/07/2026 At 09.00Hrs.
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	13/07/2026 At 18.00Hrs.
3	Date and Time of opening of pre-bid meeting	18/07/2026 at 13.00 Hrs in the office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Div. Akhnoor
4	Bid Submission Start Date	13/07/2026 At 09.00 Hrs
5	Bid Submission End Date	25/07/2026 At 16.00 Hrs
6	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	27/07/2026 At 13.00 Hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor, Jammu
7	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed.

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor, Jammu and upload the same i.e treasury challan/receipt, Earnest money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor, Jammu. The CDR/FDR/BG shall be valid for 45 Days beyond the bid validity period. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of L1 be submitted to the Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor, Jammu at the time of allotment.

2. The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids after due date and time as per server time. Bidders may modify their bids by uploading their request for modification before the deadline for submission of bids. For this, the bidder need not to make any additional payment towards the cost of tender document. For bid modification and consequential re-submission, the bidder is not required to withdraw his bid submitted earlier. The last modified bid submitted by the bidder within the bid submission time shall be considered as the bid. For this purpose, modification/withdrawal by other means will not be accepted. In online system of bid submission, the modification and consequential submission of bids is allowed any number of times. The bidders may withdraw his bid by uploading 2 their request before the deadline for submission of bids; however, if the bid is withdrawn, the re-submission of the bid is not allowed. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn after the deadline of submission of bids.

3. The date and time of opening of Financial- Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor, Jammu. The date for same shall be intimated separately.

Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in to acquaint bid submission process.

To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get "Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)" as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from any approved vendors.

The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.

Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.

Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents mentioned in NIT and SBD with technical bid online.

Notes: Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

4. The department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission due to any reasons.

5. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of e-challan through Treasury indicating Treasury Voucher No. & date, e-NIT No. and name of work duly crediting to 0059 (Revenue) favoring Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor and upload the same i.e treasury challan/receipt, Earnest money/Bid security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Akhnoor, Jammu and Correctness of Information on the notarized affidavit which must be notarized between the period of downloading of bidding document as per the format mentioned in the e-NIT/SBD with the technical documents of the bid.

6. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities) contents. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the percentage inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.

7. The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder in the Indian Rupee and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes up to completion of the work unless otherwise specified.

8. Bidders are advised to use "My Documents" as their user on R&B e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.

9. The EMD of successful bidder shall be released after drawing of agreement with the lowest bidder (L1).

10. All bidders shall upload the following Mandatory Documents with their bids/Quotations:-

(a) Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Receipt/Treasury-Challan under MH:0059 in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Akhnoor.

(b) Scan copy of Earnest Money (EMD) in favour of "Executive Engineer R&B Division Akhnoor.

(c) Scan copy of Address proof of service provider with active mobile No. & Emailid.

(d) Scan copy of valid GST with latest GSTR-3B(e) Registration Certificate of Vehicle.

(e) Valid Comprehensive Insurance policy of Vehicle.

(f) Scan copy of Valid Pollution Certificate.

(h) Valid Fitness and permit issued by the transport authority.

Sd/-
Executive Officer,
Engineer PWD (R&B) Division
Akhnoor.

DIP/J-7114/26 Dated: 31-07-2026

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
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Date Extension Notice

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Providing & laying 25 mm thick SDBC with Tack coat on Bus Stand to Banganga Road via Darshani Deodi upto Balini bridge.

Reference:-

This office e-NIT No. 18 of 2026-27 Dated 20-07-2026.

Due to no response received from the bidders, the date for the tender invited vide above cited e-NIT is hereby extended as per below:-

Last date of uploading of tender: 03-08-2026

Date of opening of technical bid: 04-08-2026

No: 3426-31

Dated:-31-07-2026

Sd/-
(Er. Neeraj Gupta)
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