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Haryana to set up Farmers' Commission

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CHANDIGARH: Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda has announced the setting up of Farmers' Commission to be headed by eminent agriculture research scientist R.S. Paroda.

Mr. Hooda said the Commission would look after the interests of the farming community and suggest ways and means to increase production of foodgrains. The Financial Commissioner and Principal Secretary, Agriculture and the V-C of Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar, would be the official members of the Commission while the Registrar CCSHAU would be the member-secretary.

Later, two non-official members would be nominated. He said the headquarters of the Commission would be at Hisar.

Mr. Hooda added that the Commission would analyse the factors responsible for the decline in farm income and suggest measures to enhance the income of the farmers through market-driven crop diversification, hassle-free regulator and fiscal regime, value addition and agro-processing.

It would also examine the current input use efficiency and functioning of delivery system for seeds, fertilizers, pesticides and suggest measures for improvement and enhancing the quality and cost competitiveness of farm commodities.

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