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Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan participates in 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan' in Punjab

CHENNAI – 18 Nov, 2026 Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, and Rural Development, Shivraj Singh Chouhan today participated in the 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan' programme organised at Badarpur village in Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar district (Mohali), Punjab, and announced significant support for the state's farmers. In the presence of Punjab Agriculture Minister Gurmeet Singh Khuddian, Chouhan handed over an approval letter for the release of ₹254.20 crore as the second tranche of the Mother Sanction under the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY) for the financial year 2026–27. In addition, the central government approved seven new agricultural projects under the state's Annual Action Plan, with a total outlay of ₹98.44 crore.



Addressing the programme, the Union Minister announced strict action against those involved in the black marketing of fertilisers and the practice of forcibly tagging other products with fertiliser purchases. He said that those found engaging in such practices would face imprisonment. He also announced that a stringent new pesticide law would be introduced to curb the sale of fake pesticides and other substandard agricultural inputs. Alongside these measures, he shared details of a new green ammonia trial across 10,000 hectares, being undertaken as an alternative to urea.