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Sukhu vows to intensify fight for state's rights after BBMB victory

After SC verdict on arrears in HP's favour, CM promises to push water cess, Shanan project battles

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SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 6

An upbeat Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Friday termed the Supreme Court verdict in the long-pending Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) arrears case a major victory for Himachal Pradesh, asserting that his government would continue to fight for the state's legitimate rights and resources.

Talking to mediapersons in Chamba, Sukhu said the Supreme Court had finally decided the 15-year-old dispute over Himachal's pending dues from the BBMB in favour of the state. Under the verdict, Himachal is entitled to nearly 55 crore million units of power, which will be supplied over the next 20 years.

Explaining the financial implications of the decision, the Chief Minister said that even if the power was sold at an average rate of Rs 6 per unit, it could generate revenue of around Rs 500 crore annually. However, he expressed confidence that the state could earn substantially more by securing better rates in the power market.



Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu addresses mediapersons in Chamba district on Friday.

Citing the government's recent power-sale agreements, Sukhu said Himachal had managed to sell electricity to Rajasthan at Rs 15.50 per unit, Kerala at Rs 14.50 and Tamil Nadu at Rs 13.50 per unit. Going by these rates, he said, the state could earn an additional revenue of nearly Rs 1,000 crore from the sale of power.

Maintaining that the BBMB verdict was not the end of the government's efforts, Sukhu said his government would now intensify its legal battle to impose water cess and secure the return of the Shanan hydel project at Jogindernagar in Mandi district from the Punjab government.

He said his government had taken every challenge to its logical conclusion, including the BJP's alleged attempts to destabilise the Congress government and the fight to secure Himachal's legitimate rights under the Kishau Dam agreement.

Describing the BBMB verdict as the fourth major achievement of his government, Sukhu also referred to the Wildflower Hall hotel, the JSW matter and the Kishau Dam agreement, saying these reflected his government's political will and determination to protect the state's interests and assets.

Taking a dig at the previous BJP government, he alleged that the former double-engine government had failed to effectively pursue Himachal's rights. He said the present government's victories were not personal achievements but a victory for the people of the state.

"I am not willing to compromise when it comes to Himachal's interests," Sukhu said, adding that the people had entrusted him with the responsibility of protecting the state's resources and assets.

The Chief Minister also recalled the political challenges faced by his government, alleging that the BJP had attempted to destabilise the democratically elected regime by engineering defections involving six Congress MLAs. However, he said, the people of Himachal had reaffirmed their faith in his government, which had continued to fight for the state's interests with sincerity and commitment.

No single govt can claim credit: BJP

SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 6

Welcoming the Supreme Court verdict in the BBMB arrears case in favour of Himachal Pradesh, the BJP on Friday said the achievement could not be credited to any single government, as successive regimes had pursued the state's rights over several decades.

Addressing a press conference, BJP MLA and state chief spokesperson Randhir Sharma took exception to Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's attempt to claim exclusive credit for the legal victory. He said the detailed implications of the judgment could be assessed only after examining the complete court order.

Sharma pointed out that the BBMB matter had been pending before the Supreme Court since 1996 and successive governments, irrespective of their political affiliations, had worked to secure Himachal's legitimate dues. — TNS

A historic win for hill state: Vikramaditya

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SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 6

Public Works and Urban Development Minister Vikramaditya Singh on Friday hailed the Supreme Court verdict upholding Himachal Pradesh's 7.19 per cent share in the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) as a historic victory for the state.

Addressing a press conference, he said the legal battle was initiated in 1996 under the leadership of former Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh, who pursued the state's claim under the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966, with the support of then Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao and Sonia Gandhi.

He credited the present government, led by Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, for consistently pursuing the case and securing the favourable verdict.

Vikramaditya Singh said the construction of Bhakra-Nangal, Pong Dam and other projects on the Beas had displaced people from Bilaspur and other areas. While many families were rehabilitated in Rajasthan and Haryana, several of their legitimate demands and rights remained unresolved. He said the government would continue pursuing these claims through legal and administrative channels.

The Public Works and Urban Development Minister also reiterated the government's commitment to securing Himachal's share in Chandigarh and resolving other pending inter-state issues, besides protecting the state's rights over water, forests and land. Congratulating the nearly 75 lakh people of Himachal Pradesh, he said the Supreme Court verdict would strengthen the state's economic interests for generations to come.

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PROCLAMATION OF SALE

(Proclamation of sale under rule 37,38 and rule 52(1),(2) of the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act 1961 read with Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Bankruptcy Act 1993)

HDFC Bank Vs Sh. Jai Singh

RC No. 1225/2025
OA: 1051/2018

Recoverable Amount	Inspection Date and Time	Reserve Price, EMD & Bid Increase Amount	Date/Time of E-Auction	EMD Deposting date	Name of auctioneer officer/Phone
Rs. 26,29,364.51 jointly and severally, with costs current and future simple interest @12% p.a. from the date of filling of the case i.e. 23.05.2018 till the date of realization of the amount due to the applicant Bank/Certificate Holder From the Certificate debtors.	on Request of Prospective Bidder	Rs. 2,38,56,000/- Rs. 23,85,600/- & Rs. 50,000/-	10.12.2026 2PM to 3PM	08.12.2026 up to 05:00 PM	Sh. Raman Sharma S.M. HDFC Bank Chandigarh Mb.: 9317106161 Email ID: raman.sharma2 @hdfcbank.com

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Land (Owned by Sh. Jai Singh S/o Sh. Amar Singh) Measuring 55 bighas 0 biswa i.e. 1100/4662nd Share of land measuring 233 bighas 02 biswa comprised in Khewat No. 136 min /127 khatoni Nos. 220 to 222 Khasra Nos. 275min(75-4), 277(29-15), 199(104-18) 314(23-5) situated in Village Chahar Kalan Sub Tehsil Behal Tehsil Laharu & Distt Bhiwani. Copy of simple Mortgage Deed 734, dated: 12.09.2014 having land Area: 55 Bigha = 11.36 Acre.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: The Auction shall be held online through the website : https://drt.auctiontiger.net with having contact Nos: 9265562821/ 18/ 079-6813 6880/37/42. Name Mr. Ram Sharma Mobile: No. 8000023297 Email- ramprasad@auctiontiger.net ; support@auctiontiger.net Details of this Proclamation of sale can be viewed at website www.drt.gov.in . The prospective bidders can approach this office through email: drt2chandigarh-dfs@nic.in
Each intending bidders shall be required to pay Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) by way DD/Pay Order in favour "Recovery Officer-I, DRT-II, Chandigarh, R.C. No. 1225/2025" for participation in the auction and it would be deemed offer of 1st bid at the Reserve Price by the bidder and details of the Property alongwith copy of PAN/Aadhar card, address proof and identity proof, email ID, Mobile Number and in case of the company or any other document, confirming representation/ attorney of the company and receipt/counter foil of such deposit. EMD deposited thereafter shall not be considered eligible for participation in the auction. EMD received after due date & time shall be rejected & the amount paid towards the EMD shall be returned to them by way of option given by them in the E-Auction form, any person desirous of participating in the bidding process is required to have a vaild digital signature certificate issued by the competent authority. it is the sole responsibility of the bidder to obtain the said digital signature certificate, active email ID and computer terminal/system with internet connection to enable him/her to participate in the bidding. any issue with regard to digital signature certificate and connectivity during the course of bidding online shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder and no claims in this regard shall be entertained. The property shall be sold to the last highest bid. On sale of immovable properties, the person declared to be the highest bidder, shall make latest by the next working day after such declaration, deposit of 25% of the amount of such purchase money after adjusting earnest money to the officer conducting the sale and in default of such deposit, earnest money will be forfeited and the properties shall be resold as per provision of law. The said deposit will be adjusted in the case of successful bidder and in case of unsuccessful bidders' earnest money will be refunded without any interest and /or any charges immediately after the completion of the sale. The purchaser shall deposit the balance 75% of the purchase money along with poundage fee under rule 57 of the Income Tax Act, (Certificate Proceedings) Rules, 1962 before the undersigned on or before the 15th day from the date of the sale of the properties in auction, exclusive of such day or if the 15th day being Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office working day after 15th day. The poundage fee is payable by demand draft/pay order favoring " The Registrar, (DRT-II)" payable at Chandigarh for an amount calculated @ 2% up to Rs.1000/- and @ 1% on balance sale proceed amount immediately before RECOVERY OFFICER-I, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II Through DD in Favour of DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, CHANDIGARH In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the properties shall be resold, after the issue of fresh POS. The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the properties or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold the other terms and conditions are as per the proclamation of sale and further subject to the Income Tax Act 1961 read with RDDB and F1 Act, 1993. The properties are being put to sale on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "as is whatever" basis. for Further details regarding sale can be obtained from the above mentioned numbers.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal at Chandigarh on 08.10.2026

Sd/-
Recovery Officer -I, (DRT II) Chandigarh

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) READ WITH PROVISION TO RULE 9(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002 TO THE BORROWER/S AND GUARANTOR/S

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable / Movable Assets under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(6) for Immovable properties of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general & in particular to the Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable / Movable property(ies), mortgaged / hypothecated / pledged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the under mentioned Branches of Bank of India as Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** & **"WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"** on **09.12.2026**, for recovery of amount mentioned below against the relevant account due to Bank of India Secured Creditor from the Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s). The reserve price & the earnest money deposit has been mentioned against each account / properties. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the web portal BAANKNET: **https://baanknet.com**.

Name of Branch / Remaining Amount Deposit Account No.	Name of Account / Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagor	Details of the Property	Amount as per demand notice / Demand Notice Date / Possession Notice Date &Type	Reserve Price / EMD / Bid Increase Amount	Name of the Authorised Officer	Date / Time of E-Auction
BRANCH: ARB, CHANDIGARH PH.: 0172-2671551 Account No. 621290200000033 IFSC: BKID0006212 A/C NAME: DISBURSEMENT	**(1) Mr. Randhir Singh S/o Mr. Ram Kishan**, R/o VPO Issapur Khedi, Tehsil Gohana, Distt. Sonepat, Haryana - 132303 and **(2) Mrs. Santosh W/o Mr. Randhir Singh**, VPO Issapur Khedi, Tehsil Gohana, Distt. Sonepat, Haryana - 132303.	All that part and parcel of the property consisting on plot having area 248.00 Sq. Yards i.e. 08 Marla Viz. 05 Marla being 5/76 share out of 03 Kanal 16 Marla comprised in Khewat No. 2993/2860, Khatoni No. 3356, Rect. No. 306, Killa No. 12/2(3-16) and 03 Marla being 3/70 share out of 03 Kanal 10 Marla comprised in Khewat No. 3421/3274, Khatoni No. 3810, Rect. No. 306, Killa No. 19/2/1(3-10). **Which is bounded with dimensions as under:- North:** 69'-0" Plot of Smt. Kamlesh; **South:** 69'-0" Plot of Other; **East:** 32'-5" Plot of other; **West:** 32'-5" Gali, situated at Chopra Colony, Gohana, within the limits of M.C., Gohana Vide Sale Deed Vasika No. 3369 Dated 26.08.2022 in the name of Mrs. Santosh.	Rs. 51,35,982/- plus interest (w.e.f. 27.08.2024) 27.08.2024 13.11.2024 SYMBOLIC POSSESSION	Rs. 63,47,000/- Rs. 6,34,700/- Rs. 1,00,000/- **PROPERTY ID: BKIDCHDARB42**	Mr. Rakesh Kumar (AGM) Mobile No. 99870-48267	09.12.2026, 11:00 A.M. to 05:00 P.M.

Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction are as under:-

(1) The sale will be done on **"AS IS WHERE IS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and **"WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" will be conducted "On Line", through e-Auction BAANKNET portal https://baanknet.com (2)** E-Auction bid form, Declaration, General Terms and Conditions of online auction sale are available in websites **(a) https://www.bankofindia.co.in**; **(b) https://baanknet.com**. Bidder may visit **https://baanknet.com**, where **"Guidelines"** for bidder are available with educational videos. Bidders have to complete following formalities well in advance: **Step 1:** Bidder/purchaser Registration: Bidder to register on e-Auction Platform (link given above) using his mobile number and email-id. **Step 2:** KYC verification: Bidder to upload requisite KYC documents. KYC documents, shall be verified by e-auction service provider (may take two working days.) **Step 3:** Transfer of EMD amount to Bidder Global EMD Wallet: On line/off-line transfer of fund using NEFT/Transfer using challan generated on E-Auction Platform. **Step 4:** Bidder process and Auction Result: Interested registered bidder can bid online on e-Auction platform after completing Step 1, 2 and 3. **(3)** To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property/ies. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property/ies put on auction and claims / rights / dues / affecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The E-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the bank. The Authorized Officer / Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims / rights / dues. No claim of whatsoever nature will be entertained after submission of the online bid regarding property/ies put for sale. **(4) The Date of Online E-Auction will be between 11:00 A.M. to 05:00 P.M. on 09.12.2026. (5) Date of Inspection will be on or before 05.12.2026 to 07.12.2026 between 01:00 P.M. to 04:00 P.M. with prior appointment with above mentioned branch (6)** Bid shall be submitted through online procedure only **(7) The Bid price to be submitted shall be above Reserve price and bidders shall improve their further offer in multiple as mentioned above (8)** Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms & conditions of auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in E-Auction sale proceedings **(9)** Bidders shall be deemed to have read & understood the terms & conditions of sale & be bound by them **(10)** It shall be the responsibility of the interested bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the property before submission of the bid **(11)** The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained towards part sale consideration and the EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded **(12) The Earnest Money Deposit shall not bear any interest. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price including EMD already paid immediately or not later than next working day and the balance of the sale price on or before 15th day of sale. The auction sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. Default in deposit of amount by the successful bidder would entail forfeiture of the whole money, already deposited and property shall be put to re-auction and the defaulting bidder shall have no claim / right in respect of property / amount (13)** Neither the Authorized Officer/Bank nor e-Auction service provider will be held responsible for any Internet Network problem / Power failure / any other technical lapses / failure etc. In order to ward-off such contingent situation the interested bidders are requested to ensure that they are technically well equipped with adequate power back-up etc. for successfully participating in the e-Auction event **(14)** The purchaser shall bear the applicable stamp duties / Registration Fee / TDS on auction price/other charges, etc. and also all the statutory / non-statutory dues, taxes, assessment charges, etc. owing to anybody **(15)** The Authorized Officer/Bank is not bound to accept the highest offer and has the absolute right a discretion to accept or reject any or all offer(s) or adjourn / postpone / cancel the e-Auction or withdraw any property or portion thereof from the auction proceedings at any stage without assigning any reason there for **(16)** The Sale Certificate will be issued in the name of the purchaser(s) / applicant (s) only and will not be issued in any other name(s) **(17)** The sale shall be subject to rules / conditions prescribed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. Further details/enquiries if any on the terms and conditions of sale can be obtained from the respective branches on the contact numbers given **(18)** For more detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in secured creditors website i.e. **https://www.bankofindia.co.in / https://baanknet.com**.

For further detail please contact - Mr. Rakesh Kumar (Assistant General Manager), Mobile No. 99870-48267

Date: 06.11.2026 **Place:** Chandigarh **AUTHORISED OFFICER**

A power windfall after 60 yrs: Verdict could add hundreds of crores to hill state's coffers

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SHIMLA, NOVEMBER 6

For a cash-strapped Himachal Pradesh, the Supreme Court's November 6 verdict on its long-pending power arrears could hardly have come at a more opportune time. By directing Punjab and Haryana to supply 11,973 million units (MU) of electricity over 20 years, the court has opened up a significant revenue opportunity for the hill state, which has been grappling with mounting financial pressures.

The state government estimates that selling the additional power at rates of Rs 13-14 per unit could generate substantial annual revenue, potentially in the range of Rs 800 crore or more, depending on market prices and the quantum available for sale. The electricity will be supplied during the lean season, between October and March, when power demand and market rates can offer Himachal an opportunity to secure better returns.

The verdict assumes particular significance as the state grapples with the financial impact of the discontinuation of the Revenue Deficit Grant (RDG) by the Centre. The annual loss of around Rs 8,000 crore has created a substantial gap in the state's finances. Himachal's Budget for 2026-27 has consequently declined by over 6 per cent, from Rs 58,514 crore in 2025-26 to Rs 54,928 crore.

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said the additional revenue would strengthen the state's financial position and help accelerate development works.

The dispute dates back to the reorganisation of Punjab in 1966, when areas accounting for 7.19 per cent of the erstwhile state's population became part of Himachal Pradesh. The state subsequently claimed a corresponding share in the assets and power generated by the Bhakra-Nangal and Beas projects.

After filing a suit in the Supreme Court in 1996, Himachal secured a favourable judgment in 2011, which upheld its entitlement to a 7.19 per cent share. While the state began receiving its share prospectively from November 2011, the retrospective arrears remained unresolved for years.

The November 6 verdict has now settled the implementation dispute by providing for the supply of the outstanding electricity over 20 lean seasons. The court also adjusted Rs 420.77 crore towards Himachal's share of historical capital costs, leaving a net balance of approximately 11,973 MU. Himachal will have to pay the applicable BBMB charges for each tranche received.

Calling it a historic day for the state, Industries Minister Harshwardhan Chauhan credited the Chief Minister's determination and the government's decision to engage experienced legal counsel. He said successive governments had pursued the case, but the present government had taken it forward with particular urgency through sustained legal consultations and efforts.

Advocate General Anup Rattan said an important aspect of the verdict was that the electricity would be supplied during the October-March period. This would allow Himachal to sell surplus power when market rates were favourable. He pointed out that the state was already selling its equity power from the SJVN project to Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Rajasthan at rates ranging between Rs 13.50 and Rs 15.50 per unit.

FOUR BIG WINS, FOUR NEW REVENUE STREAMS

WILDFLOWER HALL: A PRIZED ASSET BACK IN STATE CONTROL: After nearly 25 years of litigation, the state regained possession of the iconic Wildflower Hall hotel at Chharabra in March 2025. The Oberoi Group has now secured a fresh 35-year operating licence through an e-auction, with the arrangement projected to generate nearly ₹2,000 crore in revenue for the state over the licence period.

KARCHAM-WANGTOO: 18% FREE POWER SECURED: The SC upheld Himachal's contractual entitlement to 18 per cent free power from the Karcham-Wangtoo hydropower project after the company challenged the higher share. The ruling restored the state's claim to the additional power beyond the initial 12 per cent entitlement, strengthening its long-term royalty earnings.

KISHAU DAM: ₹800-CRORE LIABILITY AVOIDED: Under the revised inter-state arrangement for the Kishau Multipurpose Project, Himachal has secured relief from bearing an estimated ₹800 crore construction liability. The state will retain its entitlement to power, with the potential to earn over ₹1,200 crore annually once the project becomes operational.

POWER ARREARS: 11,973 MU OVER 20 YEARS: The latest Supreme Court verdict directs Punjab and Haryana to supply 11,973 million units of electricity to Himachal over 20 lean seasons. The settlement gives the state an additional source of power that can be sold to other states, potentially generating hundreds of crores in annual revenue.

Mother's suspicious death prompts CWC to seek report on infants

NURPUR, NOVEMBER 6

The District Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Kangra, based at Dharamsala, has taken suo motu cognisance of the suspicious death of a woman and sought a detailed report from the police on the safety and welfare of her two infant daughters, aged around one year and three months.

The matter came to the committee's notice through a video circulated on social media, which highlighted the presence of the two young children following their mother's death.

Taking note of their vulnerability, the CWC has written to the Superintendent of Police, Dehra, and the Station House Officer, Jwalamukhi, seeking a detailed report on the circumstances surrounding the woman's death, the present whereabouts and condition of the children, their care arrangements and the family environment in which they are living.

The District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Kangra, and the Child Helpline have also been brought into the process to ensure coordinated intervention and necessary support.

CWC Chairman Vikramjit Sharma said the committee had initiated action under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, particularly Section 2(14), which defines children in need of care and protection.

He said the immediate priority was to ensure that the two infants received adequate nutrition, healthcare, proper care and a safe family environment following the loss of their mother. Their circumstances would be assessed and further action taken in accordance with the provisions of the Act and their best interests. — OC

Festive rush chokes Mandi roads

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MANDI, NOVEMBER 6

Heavy traffic was witnessed in Mandi town on Dhanteras on Friday, causing long jams and inconvenience to commuters, shoppers and residents. With festive shopping drawing a large crowd, the traffic police diverted vehicles to manage the pressure on the roads.

Under the arrangement, vehicles coming from the ITI side of the National Highway were diverted towards the old Suketi Bridge through the narrow Old College Road, instead of using the wider New Suketi Bridge. This led to queues on the Mandi-Sundernagar National Highway, while movement within the town also remained slow.

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