CHANDIGARH: 12 FEBRUARY 1985:— Mr. Balbir Singh Rejewal, Secretary, B.K.U. in a press note issued here today said that the rate of arhar, Gur, Maize, and Toria have drastically come down in the market of Punjab. The Potato Growers have also been ruined by the unremunerative prices. What the farmers are getting for their potatoes cannot make with the labour charges even. The farmers feel frustrated and the Govt. has paid no heed to rescue the farmers from falling prices of the above commodities. This has proved that the present Govt. is totally anti-farmers. The Congress (I) Leaders from Punjab are doing nothing more than issuing press statements which is an eye wash. On the other hand the Law and F Enforcing Agencies are creating panic among them. Farmers are being implicated in false cases under Section 121, 121A, 124, 124A, 353, 506, 307, 148, 149, 186 etc. throughout Punjab. Many farmers falsely implicated in special court cases are in different Jails of Punjab for more than 8 months. Even their challans are not being produced intentionally. Mr. Rajewal said that such cases are being probed by some democratic institutions to expose the Govt. atrocities on farmers in the name of enforcing law and order. The Rajewal incident has created a stem throughout the state.
On the 44th day of its agitation at Chandigarh, 95 farmers of Bhatinda District led by Sh. Ruldu Singh, Vice-President Bhatinda and Sh. Ram Chand Singh Treasurer Bhatinda Distt. courted arrest here today in front of Punjab Civil Secretariat. They were raising slogans to release Johl Committee Report and Lowering of Power Tarriff for Tubewells, Abolition of Chowkidara Tax, Writing off all agriculture loans on farmers and Brick Lining costs of Canal water channels.

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