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**Press Release**

**Chandigarh, March 7:- An intensive encroachment removal drive was carried out in the Grain Market & Subzi Mandi, Sector-26, Chandigarh. The drive was carried out under the supervision of Joint Secretary, Marketing Board, along with Market Committee officials and enforcement staff.**

**During the drive, around 450 encroachers who were squatting on the roads and alongside the pavement were removed. The wrongly parked vehicles loaded with agriculture produce causing congestion on the inner roads of the Mandi were also removed. Around 160 empty crates stacked by the commission agents on the road berms and the agricultural produce lying on the roads was also seized under the provisions of Punjab Agriculture Produce Markets (General) Rules, 1962.**

**The Security agency and the sanitation contractor of the Mandi were found to be lacking in the performance of their duties. An action is being also initiated against them. A detailed survey of sub letting of auction platform by the commission agents is being carried out by the Market Committee officials and hereinafter action would be taken against the errant firms. The Secretary and staff of the Market Committee have been issued stern warning for strict enforcement and compliance of the Punjab Agriculture Produce Market Act.**