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Punjab farmers continue 'Dilli Chalo'

Thousands of them are moving towards the national capital to keep the numbers swelling

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As farmers lay siege to State borders surrounding the national capital in protest against the Centre's agriculture laws, thousands from Punjab continue to move towards Delhi to ensure that the build-up on the border keeps swelling.

At a "24-hour" protest site at Azizpur on the Zirakpur-Patiala National Highway in Shaibzada Ajit Singh Nagar (Mohali) of Punjab, a group of farmers told *The Hindu* on Wednesday that they were sitting at the *pacca-morcha* (permanent protest site) with a resolve to ensure that the momentum of agitation in Punjab did not die down even as farmers marched to Delhi.

Essential supplies

"I am sitting here so that the momentum of our agitation doesn't drop. Many of our fellow farmers have reached Delhi and several are on the move. Hundreds of farmers from Mohali district in over a



Keeping up the momentum: Women protesters seen at the farmers agitation on the Singhu border of New Delhi on Wednesday. -SANDEEP SAXENA

dozen vehicles, such as tractor-trolleys and cars, left for Delhi with essential supplies including food, medicine and clothes. This is an ongoing process and will continue till the agitation in Delhi continues. We will not relent unless our demands are met, even if the battle goes on for months," said Prithi Singh

from Phabhat village. Kirpal Singh, a farmer leader of the Bharatiya Kisan Union (Sidhupur), said while the front-line battle ground had shifted to Delhi, we want to ensure that the protests across Punjab did not lose its steam. "Our demonstrations against farm laws are continuing in all parts of the State.

We are sitting on indefinite *dharna* at toll plazas, outside prominent malls run by big corporates and fuel stations. The reason is to not let the continuity of the agitation break at any cost," he added.

"Also, by staying back we are involved in all preparations for our frontline war-

rriors in Delhi. We are collecting funds, rations and other things from villages. We are in constant touch with our fellow farmers in Delhi. Whatever is needed there [in Delhi], we try to arrange it from here by sending it through vehicles," said Mr. Kirpal Singh.

'Not just about farmers'

"These farm laws are a threat to our existence... The Haryana government has installed barricades, barbed wires, boulders on our way but they won't be able to stop us. It's not just about farmers now, if we don't raise our voice in coming times everything will be sold to big corporates, ultimately every section of the society will suffer," said Surinder Singh of Kurali village, squatting at the toll plaza.

"Thousands of farmers have reached Delhi border and we would in large number continue to throng Delhi in coming days. The agitation is not going to die any time soon," he added.