



Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) would build an ethanol plant at Jeetpur Baheri in the Una district at a cost of Rs 500 crore, according to Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu.

Sukhu presided over a meeting to talk about various issues of building the 30 acre ethanol facility that has been suggested.

He said, "The state government is willing to invest 50 per cent equity in the project and will extend full cooperation to the company in setting up the plant." The company, too, assured the Chief Minister of taking up the proposal with the Board of Directors.

"The ethanol plant will provide employment and also create self-employment opportunities for local people and farmers of Kangra, Hamirpur and Bilaspur. The neighbouring districts of Punjab will also benefit from the grain-based ethanol plant," he said.

At the request of the company, the Chief Minister also directed the district administration to provide additional 20 acres for the plant

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