

CM: Simplify process for mandi fee exemption for new units

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Lucknow: Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday directed officials to simplify exemption from mandi fee to the newly established processing units.

Chairing a review meeting, Yogi said that at present, an application has to be made before the divisional commissioner within six months from the date of establishment of the unit. The commissioner subsequently seeks a report and issues direction to the district magistrate.

Yogi said that the system needs to be simplified and the application should be made by the unit directly before the DM who should direct the mandi committee within seven days.

The CM said that even after minimising the mandi fee, the mandis have made a good contribution in the revenue collected. The income from mandi fee rose from Rs



CM Yogi chairs a review meeting with officials on Tuesday

1,553 crore in 2022-23 to Rs 1,862 crore in 2023-24. Revenue of about Rs 400 crore has been collected in the first quarter of the current financial year.

“This revenue should be spent in the interest of the farmers only,” Yogi said, stressing that the farmers should be provided all possible facilities and safety accordingly.

“There should be good ar-

rangements for cleanliness, proper drainage and lighting. There should be no waterlogging. There should be adequate arrangements for toilets and drinking water. Rest rooms and canteens should also be arranged for the farmers,” the CM said.

The CM further directed the officials to ensure no encroachment is made anywhere in the mandi premises.