

Need to revive HMT unit in Pinjore, Haryana-Laid

SHRI VARUN CHAUDHRY (AMBALA): The revival of HMT unit in Pinjore is an economic necessity which has seen gradual decline and leading to its closure of tractor manufacturing factory in 2016. This has massively impacted the livelihoods of thousands in Kalka, Pinjore, and surrounding areas and also led to the underutilization of valuable industrial area. At its peak, HMT Pinjore produced 19,500 tractors annually, contributing significantly to India's agricultural mechanization. However, challenges such as outdated machinery, financial constraints, market competition, and a lack of technological adaptability led to a steady decline in market share. Closing of the factory has led to 850 employees opting for VRS and uncertainty over pension calculations. The strategic location of Pinjore, with its excellent connectivity by road and rail, makes it ideal for industrial redevelopment or conversion into a skill development hub with readily available land and labour serving as foundation for its revival. I urge the Government to explore revival options for the HMT Pinjore unit, such as providing with special financial package, exploring P.P.P model, and as a facility for skill development. This initiative could rejuvenate industrial activity in the region, generate employment, and restore HMT's legacy as a contributor to India's industrial progress.