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An important meeting was held at the Civil Secretariat, Lahore, under the chairmanship of Minister for Agriculture, Punjab Syed Ashiq Hussain Kirmani to review the practical measures being taken to prevent the burning of rice and other crop residues across Punjab.

On the occasion, Minister for Agriculture and Livestock, Punjab Syed Ashiq Hussain Kirmani said that farmers are being discouraged from burning crop residues, while fines and warning notices are being issued in case of violations. Alternative facilities are also being provided to farmers for the proper disposal of crop residues.

He further said that three years ago, there were around 300 Super Seeders in the province, which the present government has increased to 10,000 through the provision of subsidy. Similarly, the number of balers has increased from four to around 150, while the number of harvesters has risen from 100 to approximately 450.

Minister for Agriculture, Punjab Syed Ashiq Hussain Kirmani further said that a zero-tolerance policy is being pursued against the burning of rice crop residues. He further said that the campaign would continue until the completion of rice harvesting.

During the meeting, Secretary Agriculture Punjab Shakeel Ahmad Mian said that focal persons have been designated at the provincial and district levels by the Agriculture Department.

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