## SUKHBIR SINGH BADAL Member Parliament (Lok Sabha) ਸੁਖਬੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਾਦਲ ਮੌਬਰ ਪਾਰਨੀਆਮੈਂਟ (ਨੱਕ ਸਭਾ)



PRESIDENT Shiromani Akali Dal ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ, ਮਿਣੀ ਅਵਾਲੀ ਵਲ

Mr Narendra Modi, Prime Minister, Republic of India.

## Respected Pradhan Mantri ji,

I would like to bring to your notice an issue of grave importance for the welfare of weaker sections in Punjab. As you are aware the central government dispatched 70,725 metric tonnes of grain besides 10,000 metric tonnes of pulses to Punjab for distribution among 1.4 crore people under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY). While only one per cent of the entire food grain stock was distributed during the month of April when curfew was imposed in Punjab and people needed the ration the most, later the Punjab government abrogated its responsibility towards the people and handed over the ration to Congressmen for distribution. Subsequently a major part of the central ration was embezzled by Congressmen even as they distributed part it to their supporters only. This worsened the plight of the poor and weaker sections of society who had to rely on social and religious organizations including the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) for basic food items. Had it not been for these good Samaritans there could have been starvation deaths in the State.

Pradhan Mantri ji, keeping in view the seriousness of the issue, I urge you to order a special inquiry into the ration scam so that those responsible for diverting and embezzling central ration can be awarded due punishment. The central team constituted for this purpose could make an on the spot investigation in Punjab besides asking the State to submit an audit of the entire food stock. As per our reports thousands of tonnes of food stock were never distributed to the poor. The stock of wheat and pulses was shifted to residences of Congressmen and later sold in the open market.

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I would also like to bring to your notice that the Punjab government also did not distribute the central ration to migrant labourers leading to the flight of workers from the State which affected both its industry as well as its agricultural operations.

Pradhan Mantri ji now that you have extended the PMGKAY scheme by five months till November with an outlay of Rs 90,000 crore which will serve as a boon for the poor and under privileged sections of society, it has become all the more important to monitor the scheme stringently in Punjab. I urge you to appoint central observers to ensure the ration received under the scheme is not pilfered and sold in the open market or distributed among Congress supporters. It is of utmost importance that the central relief is distributed impartially on merit without any politicization whatsoever.

Thanking you in anticipation that you will take the necessary measures to ensure the poor are not discriminated against during distribution of central food grain relief.

With best wishes.

(Sukhbir Singh Badal) ··

President.

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