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Title: Regarding problems faced by Indian businessmen at Attari ICP.

*** Shri Gurjeet Singh Aujla (Amritsar) :** Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I want to draw your attention towards the problems faced by traders who do trade at Indo-Pak Attari – Wagah border in my constituency. After the Pulwama attack on 16th February, 2019, the Central Government levied an increased custom duty on all items being traded through the Attari border. As a result, the Indo-Pak trade through this point has come to a standstill. 5000 coolies (porters) have become unemployed. Those who did work here for generations, are now sitting idle and unemployed. Their families are suffering. 6000 kg of dry-fruits, 9000 kg cement and 500 tonnes of limestone had been dumped at the Attari border before 16th February. When 200% custom duty was levied, this entire item remained dumped there. The custom duty amounts to Rs. 10 crores which is injustice. It is way beyond the market rate.

So, I urge upon the Central Government to rehabilitate the coolies. Also, the 200% custom duty levied on traded items should be done away with as these were dumped there before 16th February, 2019. Thank you.