

Sixteenth Loksabha

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Title: Need to take steps to provide Railway facilities to the passengers at Amritsar.

*SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA (AMRITSAR) : Thank you, Hon. Chairman Sir. I want to draw the attention of the Government towards the miserable condition of Railways, as far as Amritsar is concerned. Sachkhand Express Train No. 121716 plies from Amritsar. This train leaves much to be desired. Its condition is horrible.

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER : You have requested for the construction of new I.I.M.

SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA : No, Sir. I requested in the morning time. I requested in writing.

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Make it very brief.

SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA : Sir, this is a very important issue. Sir, train No. 12054 Jan Shatabdi has seven coaches, but AC coaches are in a very bad condition. Train No. 12242 Inter City Chandigarh needs more AC coaches. The Tata-Moori train has no water facility in the train. These trains have a halt at Manawala. However, there is no platform at Manawala. No lights are there. No security has been provided there.

Sir, at Amritsar railway station, Ministry of Tourism work is going on since 2012. A sum of Rs.1363 crores had been allotted for this purpose. But, this work has not yet been completed. Similarly, work at Chheharta Coach facility worth 61 crores was started in 2013-14. But, it has not yet seen the light of the day. Similarly, work at a railway bridge worth 8 crores remains incomplete. Moreover, line 2 and line 3 work at Amritsar was awarded in 2011-12. But, this work too remains incomplete. Additional station yard work worth 5 crore 58 lakhs was allotted in 2004-2005. This work too has fallen prey to apathy and neglect and remains incomplete. Sir, Amritsar is the hub for pilgrims and tourists. An escalator is needed at the railway station. About Rs.16.29 crores were allotted for this purpose. Money for this work was allotted in 2014-15. However, the work remains incomplete.

Sir, there are similar other works that have not yet seen the light of the day. The integrated security system has not come into existence. A one-megawatt Solar power plant worth 8 crores remains incomplete since 2016-17.

Sir, the railway infrastructure is in shambles. Passengers are not getting any facilities or amenities in the trains. Cleanliness or hygiene in the trains is a casualty. The image of railways has taken a beating. Sir, new rakes should be provided by railways.

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Please, wind up.

SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA : Sir, please, Sir....

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: It is very lengthy. Zero Hour means you have to be brief. It is not a railway demand.

SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA : Sir, new rakes should be provided in the trains.

Thank you.