

Regarding issues pertaining to farmers

SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA (AMRITSAR): I thank you sir, for giving me the opportunity to speak on an important matter. I want to draw your attention towards the fact that during the Farmers' Agitation, the Central government had signed a written agreement with 'United Farmers' Front'. However, till now, nothing has been done in this regard. On 9th December, 2021, a written assurance was given by the government to the farmers that your demands will be met. On 11th December, 2021, the farmers withdrew their one year old agitation. They had faith in the government.

Sir, I and my other colleagues had agitated at Jantar Mantar for one year in support of these farmers. We too concluded our protest on 13th November. However sir, one year has passed and nothing has been done regarding these demands of farmers. I urge upon the government that in consonance with the Swaminathan Commission recommendations, C2+50% formula must be implemented. The buying price of crops should be fixed and a guarantee of buying crops by government must be given. The cost of farming has increased. Remunerative MSP must be given for crops. Farmers are suffering losses worth 80%. Their debts should be waived off. The Electricity Reform Bill should not have been passed. But, farmers have not been consulted. In Lakhimpur Kheri, farmers were killed. The concerned minister should be dismissed and imprisoned. Also, sir, insurance for crops that are damaged due to diseases and calamities, must be given. Small and marginalised farmers (including men and women) must be given Rs. 10,000/- pension.

Sir, all F.I.R.s filed against farmers must be scrapped. This agitation was for common people. Farmers who died during agitation were martyrs. Place should be given on Singhu border for building a monument in the memory of these martyrs. Trade with Pakistan via Attari border must be started. In G20, there was mention of opening silk route. It should be opened via Attari border.

Sir, Cargo facility is ready at Amritsar Guru Ram Das International Airport. Farmers should send their produce to Arab countries and Russia through this airport's cargo terminal. I hope government will accede to the demands of the farmers.

13.00 hrs

HON. CHAIRPERSON (Shri Rajendra Agrawal): Those who want to associate, send their slips. Only then you can be considered as associated.