

Title: Need to ensure direct entry of persons coming from Pakistan to visit their relatives residing in Malerkotla, Punjab.

SHRI SIMRANJIT SINGH MANN (SANGRUR): Sir, Muslims residing in Malerkotla in my constituency and other parts of Punjab, face a great difficulty in receiving their relatives visiting them from Pakistan. The Pakistanis visiting their relatives in Punjab do not get a direct visa for Malerkotla, Punjab. They are sent to Delhi first. After the Police agencies give a clearance to them to visit Malerkotla and other parts in Punjab, then only they are allowed to travel to Punjab.

Punjab is no longer a disturbed area. My Muslim constituents are too poor to travel and live in Delhi till their Pakistani relatives get permission to visit them in Malerkotla, Punjab. I demand from the Government of India to take the following steps to mitigate this problem:

- (a) Since Punjab is a peaceful State, the Pakistani Muslims be given visa directly to go to Malerkotla and other parts of Punjab; and
- (b) Immediate steps be taken to allow them direct entry into Punjab.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now, the House will take up item No. 12.

SHRI PRAVIN RASHTRAPAL (PATAN): Sir, my name is there. I was informed by the Table Office.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Your name is not in the list.

SHRI PRAVIN RASHTRAPAL : Sir, it is a very serious and an important item.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You can raise it tomorrow. <