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Title: Need to provide level playing field to Punjab State in the industrial development of the State keeping in view the tax holiday provided to its neighbouring States.

SHRIMATI PARAMJIT KAUR GULSHAN (FARIDKOT): I would like to bring to the notice of the Government the detrimental effect of selective tax benefits to Hill states surrounding Punjab on the industrial development of the State. Even in the recently concluded meeting with the Chief Ministers of the Northern States, Chief Minister of Haryana & Finance Minister of Punjab opposed tax holiday to Hill states. It remains a fact that such selective benefits deny level playing field for industrial development and often lead to region specific tax benefit exploitation resulting in evasion of tax amounting to thousands of crores. Therefore, I demand a fair deal for Punjab in the matter.