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Title: Regarding smuggling of drugs along international border of Punjab.

*SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA (AMRITSAR) : I thank you, Hon. Speaker ma'am, for giving me the opportunity to speak on an important subject in Zero Hour.

Maa'm, I would like to draw your attention towards the menace posed by drugs in Punjab. The drug-addiction of youth in Punjab has become so rampant that this is also called the 'Sixth river of Punjab'. During the last ten years, the Akali Dal-BJP Government did nothing to check the problem of drugs. Punjab used to be called the granary of India. Its share in the central food-basket was maximum. Punjabis have always been at the vanguard during the freedom-struggle of India. Punjabis have always been at the forefront in defending the motherland in all wars against Pakistan. But, the Akali Dal-BJP Government just washed it's hands off the problem of drugs in Punjab.

However, I thank the present Chief Minister of Punjab Captain Amrindar Singh who has taken stern measures against the drug-peddlers and broken the backbone of drug-smuggling cartels in Punjab. We must bring the youth of Punjab into the mainstream by providing jobs for them.

I urge upon the Government to introduce incentives for agro-based industries in Punjab under Rural Development Ministry Scheme. Ferozepur, Gurdaspur and Pathankot are border-belt areas. The wars, attrition and division between India and Pakistan has badly affected the

youth of Punjab. So, the need of the hour is to grant an industry-package to Punjab, especially agro-based industry-package. Our youth hail from farming background. They can work in agro-based industries and achieve wonders. So, such rural development projects should be ushered in all blocks of Punjab.

माननीय अध्यक्ष : रवनीत सिंह इसे एसोसिएट करेंगे, उन्होंने लिख कर दिया है।

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माननीय अध्यक्ष : श्री रवनीत सिंह को श्री गुरजीत सिंह औजला द्वारा उठाए गए विषय के साथ संबद्ध करने की अनुमति प्रदान की जाती है।

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श्री मल्लिकार्जुन खड़गे (गुलबर्गा) : अध्यक्ष महोदया, ...(व्यवधान)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : आप क्या कहना चाहते हैं? आप लिस्ट देखिए। मैं लिस्ट के अनुसार सभी को समय दे रही हूं। आप ऐसा क्यों कर रहे हैं?

...(व्यवधान)

माननीय अध्यक्ष : नो।

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