

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Need to frame guidelines to retain all the entitlements in respect of Armed Forces.

SHRI JASBIR SINGH GILL (KHADOOR SAHIB): Sir, there is no doubt that the Ruling Party had won majority in Parliament riding on the Balakot strikes. Yet we see, every second day that the entitlements of Armed Forces are being cut. The latest being withdrawal of income tax exemptions to disabled soldiers who are not invalidated out. It is being extremely insensitive and insulting for an organisation which has proved itself in every crisis, be it an external aggression or flood or any internal crisis. The Armed Forces have proved their mettle and we need to be proud of their contribution. They deserve our love and gratitude, especially, our soldiers and veterans who are war disabled.

Therefore, it is my earnest request to frame guidelines so that entitlements of our Armed Forces are not withdrawn, without it being passed by both the Houses of Parliament and consented by the President who is constitutionally the Supreme Commander of our Armed Forces. Our bureaucrats have no right to withdraw justified entitlements which have been earned by our soldiers by giving their blood and sweat. Even the Armed Forces Headquarters should not be allowed to withdraw or reduce any entitlement without the Parliament's nod.

Recently the CSD entitlements were reduced and the rations in peace stations were withdrawn. The military justice delivery system has been made almost defunct with over 16,000 pending cases and just 6 AFTs remaining functional out of 22.

माननीय अध्यक्ष : माननीय सदस्य, घंटी बजाने का मतलब समझें, नहीं तो मुझे माननीय सदस्य को बुलाना पड़ेगा ।

SHRI JASBIR SINGH GILL: The Indian Army is the most disciplined force. It is difficult for them to raise their voice against such insensitive decisions as they do not enjoy the same Fundamental Rights as enjoyed by common citizens.

On the 550th Prakash Utsav of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, I would like to request the Government to open a Defence University or Symbiosis like Institute in Sultanpur area.

माननीय अध्यक्ष: श्रीमती सुप्रिया सदानंद सुले एवं डॉ. संजय जायसवाल को श्री जसबीर सिंह गिल द्वारा उठाए गए विषय के साथ संबद्ध करने की अनुमति प्रदान की जाती है ।