

## **Regarding issue of administrative control of Chandigarh by Punjab**

**SHRI GURMEET SINGH MEET HAYER (SANGRUR):** Thank you, Madam Chairperson. I would like to draw the attention of the House towards a very important issue. Madam Chairperson, for the last couple of days, the people of Punjab are being subjected to various taxes by the Central government and patience of the people of Punjab is being tested. At times, the attempts are being made to centralize the Punjab University, Chandigarh. Sometimes, the dissolution of the Punjab University Senate is being attempted. Most critical and vital matter is that the discussion for the change of status of Chandigarh was initiated. As per statute, the Governor of Punjab is also the Administrator of Chandigarh. Attempts have been made that like other Union territories, the Lt. Governor should be also appointed for Chandigarh. As Chandigarh was carved out from the land belonging to the villages of Punjab and as promised by the Government, Chandigarh was to be handed over to Punjab but, again, a reverse process was initiated. Punjab is the only State in the country that doesn't have its own capital and we demand that Chandigarh should be given to Punjab in its entirety.

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