

Sixteenth Lok Sabha

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Title: Need to provide special incentives and package to Punjab.

SHRI PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA (ANANDPUR SAHIB): Sometime ago, Government of India had announced special incentives for investment in Hilly States and Backward States. Such a decision badly affected Punjab due to neighbouring Hilly State. Punjab faces same problems due to border area and many parts of Punjab specially my constituency, a semi-hilly area called Kandi area faces same problems as that of hilly area.

I would urge upon the Government of India to provide same incentives to such areas of Punjab State and Punjab being border state special package should be announced for it. Plain parts of hilly areas face the menace of damaging standing crops. Hence, there should be subsidy for fencing the fields. Such subsidy can be shared by the Centre, State and the farmers in a proportionate manner.