

Sixteenth Lok Sabha

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Title: Regarding infrastructure for import and export of goods in Punjab - Laid.

SHRI PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA (ANANDPUR SAHIB): Punjab has no sea link, therefore, transportation of export and import of goods from Punjab becomes very expensive. There is also only one integrated check post at Attari Border. Due to heavy rush businessmen prefer sea port despite high expenses.

I would urge upon the Government of India to provide Cargo facilities at Chandigarh International Airport and also request one more integrated check post at Hussainiwala Border. Cargo facilities will be helpful in increasing farmers' income specially vegetables and fruits will be exported to Arab countries.

Secondly, new railway lines from Rahon to Khanna and S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali to Rapura are very important for the development of my constituency and for the Punjab's largest part. Therefore, two railway lines are required to be set up in the interest of the people of Punjab.

I would also urge upon the Government of India to exempt restricted items and allow through roads all those items which are sent through sea ports. At present one-third items of sea port are transported through roads.