

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**Randeep Singh Surjewala, Incharge Communications, All India Congress Committee has issued the following statement to the press today:-**

### **KHATTAR GOVERNMENT HAS BETRAYED HARYANA'S YOUTH**

### **RAMPANT UNEMPLOYMENT HAS DISILLUSIONED THE YOUNG**

An incompetent and incapable BJP Government has driven Haryana's youth in a web of unemployment rendering them susceptible to the dangerous allure of drugs and intoxication. A grave 'unemployment' as also 'bread and butter' crisis looms large in the State. 22 months after coming to power, Khattar government has not been able to create a single job, either in government or private sector. Adding to the misery is the abominable attitude of government in terminating services of existing employees.

### **KHATTAR GOVERNMENT'S CONTRARIAN APPROACH TO YOUTH AND EMPLOYMENT**

- (1) **Appointment of Shri Dhammapal Chawhan as Additional Managing Director of HARTRON in absolute negation of all norms, procedure and rules of public appointment.**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016; Chief Minister, Shri Manohar Lal Khattar issued a written order for appointment of Hyderabad-based Dhammapal Chawhan as Additional Managing Director of a Government company –HARTRON by specially creating a post. A copy of the order of Chief Minister is attached as **Annexure A-1**. A post-facto cover up exercise was then done by subsequently issuing an advertisement for filling up the post. Surprisingly, advertisement did not contain any last date for submission of application. Even the salary of Rs.2,00,000 per month for the post of Additional MD was perhaps the highest in the State. 19 applications were supposedly received. On 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2016; an exercise in falsehood was conducted of holding the interviews for the post. Result, however, remained the same. On declaration of result, Dhammapal Chawhan was appointed as Additional MD as originally ordered by CM Shri Khattar on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016.

**If Chief Minister of the State is going to indulge in rank favoritism to appoint his cronies in public appointments by negating every rule in the book, how can youth of Haryana expect justice and fair play?**

- (2) **Bungling in Police Appointments**

Serious charges of bungling and malfeasance in recruitment of 5,000 constables of Haryana Police has put a serious question mark on the credibility and neutrality of Khattar government, Staff Selection Commission and the entire Police hierarchy. Firstly, a total of 3,88,091 candidates were called for conducting physical test and race between 15.06.2016 and 23.07.2016 at Kurukshetra without any preparation whatsoever. This number comes to 9,025 candidates participating in the physical test/race everyday. This by itself was impractical and the entire process remained disorderly and grossly unorganized.

I personally visited Kurukshetra as the process of recruitment was going on and exposed multiple flaws in the system. These included absence of food, toilets, water, lodging arrangements. There was absolute confusion with regard to process of recruitment with candidates waiting for their turn for upto 2-5 days.

Not only this, there were thousands of complaints regarding the electronic device meant for recording the race not working, device not recording correct timing, biometric instrument not recording the thumb impression correctly as also the candidates being made to stand in line (immediately before the race) for periods ranging from 7 to 10 hours without food or water seriously hampering their capacity to run. A myopic government failed to take note of the prevailing extreme heat and humidity condition between 18<sup>th</sup> June and 23<sup>rd</sup> July for conducting a 5,000 metres race. During the process of recruitment, thousands of candidates, who completed the 5,000 metres race in 20 minutes, were declared ineligible as against many others, who were declared eligible despite having completed the 5,000 metres race in 24 minutes.

Results declared by Staff Selection Commission on its website raise further question about the neutrality and fairness of the entire police recruitment. Pursuant to publication of results on the website, Commission clarified the issue of timing of race qua one youth, namely Sunil. Commission, however, chose not to give any reply qua a second candidate, Vikramjit son of Manjur Singh, who supposedly completed the race in 12 minutes 11 seconds. Viewed in terms of statistics, Vikramjit has broken the world record of 5,000 metres in Rio Olympics. Results available on website reflect that there are 658 persons, who have completed the race between 10-13 minutes, copy of which is attached as **Annexure A-2**. Is it not the duty of the Selection Commission to clarify in the interest of transparency about the category to which these candidates belong? Are all these candidates belonging to the ex-HISF category or do they belong to some other category? Would it not be fair and proper for Selection Commission to declare the results category wise?

On the other side on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2016; **Chief Minister, Shri Manohar Lal Khattar**, while speaking at a function to honour the Haryana Wrestler, Shakshi Malik in Bahadurgarh, **proudly declared that many candidates in Haryana Police recruitment have broken the Olympic records**. A video link to the speech of Shri Khattar is <https://youtu.be/4zv76SaDkA>. **Whether Chief Minister, Shri Khattar is telling a lie or is the Staff Selection Commission attempting to mislead everyone is a question that needs to be answered?**

**Not only this, drugs and intoxicants ruled the roost during the entire process of police recruitment in Kurukshetra.** Two candidates lost their lives during the process of recruitment. As many as 397 candidates were admitted to government hospital seeking treatment for use of intoxicant or performance enhancing drugs. Thousands sought treatment from private doctors and hospitals. This proves that an organized drug mafia was operating under the very nose of government unchecked and unabated.

(3) **Miserable and pitiable treatment to JBT Teachers, Computer Teachers, Guest Teachers, Assistant Linemen/Sub Station Attendants of Power Companies, Auctioneers of Marketing Board.**

**9,700 JBT Teachers** appointed through a due process of recruitment have been agitating for months seeking a chance to serve. Khattar government has only given them false promises or police beatings.

A government that swears by '**Digital India**' has terminated the services of **2,600 Computer Teachers**. On one side, High court has granted stay on recruitment of Computer Teachers, but on the other, duly appointed Computers Teachers have been agitating on the road. Harsh reality is that children of Haryana have been denied computer education.

Khattar government had terminated the services of **3,581 Guest TGT teachers**. Government has been constrained to take them back in service after the order of the Supreme Court. Remaining 12,000 Guest Teachers continue to be hounded by the Sword of Damocles.

In garb of taking action against striking employees, government has terminated the services of **a few thousand Assistant Linemen/Sub Station Attendants** working on temporary basis. A unilateral order has been issued doing away with the services of **1,700 Auctioneers** working in the grain markets of the State. In a similar fashion, daily wage and temporary employees of multiple departments like NRHM, Public Health, Irrigation have been given the axe.

(4) **Public Prosecutors on Contract**

Public Prosecutors perform an essential function in the justice delivery system. Most unfortunate is the fact that even Public Prosecutors will now be hired by BJP government on contract basis.

(5) **Evaporating private investment and absence of private jobs**

Haryana witnessed a sinister conspiracy that led to bitter caste clashes. Resultantly, Haryana has seen neither any new investment nor any jobs in the private sector. In fact, existing industry is fast migrating outside the State. This has created a feeling of serious unrest among the youth. There appears to be a no ray of hope in this pale of gloom.

**Ten years of Congress rule saw a 'Haryana in the Lead of Frontline Growth Trajectory'. In the current pale of gloom and atmosphere of dejection with Khattar government, Indian National Congress immediately demands the following:-**

- (i) Khattar government should immediately present a '**white paper**' on the state of employment in government, PSUs and private sector with a time bound framework for filling up all vacant posts;
- (ii) A CBI investigation should be ordered in the appointment of Additional Managing Director of HARTRON as also in the large scale bungling in police recruitment;

- (iii) Until avenues of employment are generated for youth of Haryana, BJP must fulfill the promise made in its election manifesto (copy attached as **Annexure A-3**), which promises an unemployment allowance of Rs.9,000 per month.
- (v) Appointment must immediately be given to 9,500 JBT Teachers and 2,600 Computer Teachers. All employees of Power Companies and other departments, who have been forcibly eased out, should be re-engaged;
- (vi) Government should place in public domain the numbers and details of all the organized drug gangs and individuals as also details of action taken against them. A special task force of competent police officers should be immediately framed with overall monitoring to be done by CM himself.