

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Sack Staff Selection Commission in 24 Hours – Randeep Singh Surjewala**

**Let Chief Minister order an independent judicial enquiry in SSC Scam instead of protecting the culprits – Let PM dismiss the CM on failure to do so within 48 hours**

**PM/CM are ailing from ‘Headline Management’ & ‘TV Studio Warfare’ – Exchequer is paying the price with wasteful expenditure of thousands of crores**

**‘Save Jobs – Save Haryana’ Dharna organized at the office of Staff Selection Office in Panchkula**

Senior Congress Leader & Media Incharge of Indian National Congress, Shri Randeep accused Chief Minister, Shri Manohar Lal Khattar of protecting the accused in ‘Cash for Jobs Scam’. He said that youth of the State will never pardon BJP Government for this sacrilegious sin. Shri Surjewala said that if Chief Minister does not sack the Staff Selection Commission and order an enquiry by two sitting High Court Judges within 24 hours, it will be clear that the kingpins of ‘Jobs’ in SSC have flourished under the protection of CM. In such an eventuality, it is the responsibility of Prime Minister to immediately dismiss Chief Minister, Shri Manohar Lal Khattar.

Shri Surjewala was addressing thousands of youth, who had assembled at the office of Haryana Staff Selection Commission to participate in ‘Save Jobs – Save Haryana’ Dharna. Thousands of youth sitting on the Dharna expressed their deep anguish and resentment against the BJP Government over the game of deception played in open sale of jobs.

Accusing BJP Government of shielding the scamsters of SSC Jobs Scam, Shri Surjewala said that on formation of Congress Government, an FIR will be lodged within one week against the Chairman/Members and other kingpins, besides holding a judicial enquiry. Targeting the Chief Minister’s role and responsibility in the entire episode of ‘Cash for Jobs Scam’, Shri Surjewala said that Chief Minister is undergoing the charade of investigation, while playing a diabolical diversionary game to protect the accused and draw away the attention of people of the State. He said that this sinister game had begun with the appointment of Shri Bharat Bhushan Bharti as the Chairman of Staff Selection Commission itself, when the last date for applying for the post of Chairman was 31.12.2014, but application of Shri Bharti was BJP Government 53 days later on 23.02.2015. Not only this, last month around 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2018; an audio got viral on social media regarding demand of Rs.70 lakh by Shri Bharti for the post of Chairman, Municipal Council, Pehowa. Shri Balbir Saini, Senior BJP leader had verified his voice and conversation in the audio. Chief Minister, Shri Khattar assured the State Assembly that he will order an investigation into the audio, but instead proceeded to reward Shri Bharti by reappointing him as Chairman of Staff Selection Commission for a further period of three years on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2018. Shri Surjewala said that Shri Khattar is

mocking the people of the State when he superfluously states that ‘even CM will be investigated if he is found guilty’. Shri Surjewala asked the youth if they believe that CM Flying Squad or Haryana Police is competent or capable of investigating the role of the Chief Minister?

Growing attention to the pitiable condition in the State and the country, Shri Surjewala said that Shri Modi and Shri Khattar have betrayed the unemployed youth, the women, the farmers/farm labourers by their duplicity and double speak. Describing that Shri Modi and Shri Khattar are suffering from the ailment of ‘TV studio warfare’, he said that people are paying the price of their egoistical treatment through thousands of crores spent from public exchequer. Citing the example of Haryana, Shri Surjewala said that Khattar Government spent Rs.366 crore on publicity in the first three years, which means that Khattar Government spent Rs.53,000 per hour on publicity alone. Citing PM Modi’s example, he said that this figure is an astronomically high at Rs.3,755 crore spent between May, 2014 to October, 2017 for Government of India, which comes to Rs.3 crore of public money spent on publicity every day. Shri Surjewala exhorted the youth and said that a few lakhs jobs would be created out of this 4,000 crore of public money but that is not priority for PM Modi or CM Khattar.

Questing the fake claims of transparency and honesty of Haryana CM, Shri Manohar Lal Khattar; Shri Surjewala said as to why CM is reluctant to order a CAG audit of close to Rs.2,000 crore spent on ‘Swaran Jayanti’ & ‘Geeta Jayanti’, although Principal Secretary of the Government had put up the file to the Chief Minister 53 days ago? Is it, because a CAG audit will expose the criminal wastage and loot of public money on account of which, CM is scared of ordering a CAG audit?

Truth is that BJP Government of Haryana is scam-ridden, directionless, visionless and a total failure in matters of governance. Brazen corruption, loot and lies have become its DNA. Time has come to throw the BJP Government out of power.