

PRESS RELEASE

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Randeep Singh Surjewala, MLA & Media Incharge, AICC has issued the following statement to the press today:-

“Caste Census of Govt employees is a conspiracy to divide the State on the caste lines”

“BJP is trying to gain lost political grounds by dividing the society on caste & religious grounds”

"2.5 Cr Haryanavis will give a befitting reply to this deep rooted conspiracy”

Senior Congress leader & AICC Media Incharge, Mr. Surjewala has accused the BJP Government of a venomous conspiracy to divide Haryana Government employees on caste lines by conducting a caste-oriented survey of every employee.

Truth is that Khattar government is an absolute political failure and has been decisively rejected by people of the State. Having failed the people completely, BJP government is using the last ploy to spread the caste and religious divide to score political points and divert attention from its failures. Khattar government does not realize the fatal consequences of dividing the State employees on caste lines for the social harmony as also administrative and political governance of the State. By ordering a caste census, BJP is seeking to start an ugly and bitter caste division in the State by pitting different communities against each other, be it the BCs, OBCs, EBCs, SCs or other categories.

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Mr. Surjewala reminded that this was not the first time when BJP has hatched a sinister conspiracy to spread hatred on the caste and religious lines. During the reservation agitation in Haryana, the State BJP government let the law & order situation deteriorate deliberately for full seven days allowing the fire of arson and violence to spread across the State. BJP leaders and its MPs are constantly engaged in provoking the fire of casteism with active abetment and protection of Khattar government.

Referring to the Supreme Court verdict in the Indra Sawhney's case, Mr. Surjewala said that only the Backward Class Commission has the right to conduct the caste census and that also only of the communities seeking reservation for inclusion. It is preposterous to presume that Backward Class Commission would order census of all castes and communities, whether backward or not, in discharge of its obligations. In any event, Backward Class Commission is an independent body and the State government cannot replace its own whims and substitute them for the decision of Backward Class Commission.

Referring to the circular issued by the joint Punjab Government on August 20, 1962; Mr. Surjewala said that even as per the State Government rules, the religion, caste etc. cannot be mentioned in government records to identify an individual. Under its divisive agenda, the State BJP government has also withdrawn the 1962 circular.

Mr. Surjewala called upon 2.5 crore fellow Haryanvis to expose the ugly and poisonous game of caste division being played by Khattar government and to give the BJP a befitting reply.