

PRESS RELEASE

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

"Spreading misleading lies, mischievous canards and divisive venom has become the patented hallmark of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), the ideological guide of the Pracharak Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi. Unfortunately, under BJP government, India's polity is bloodied on a daily basis by this unchecked vitriolic meted out shamelessly by the Pracharaks of RSS and BJP.

From (i) Calling for a review of 'Reservation Policy for Backward Classes and Scheduled Castes' (<http://post.jagran.com/Mohan-Bhagwat-pitches-for-review-of-quota-policy-1442812764>); (ii) Describing service of people by Mother Teresa as a ploy to convert people to Christianity (<http://www.ibnlive.com/videos/full/india/news-360-622-969302.html>); (iii) Accusing Mahatma Gandhi for India's Partition by bending backwards (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4c0tNB8mur4>); (iv) Calling for withdrawal of minority status of Sikhs, Jains and Buddhists (<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bhopal/RSS-criticizes-minority-status-to-Jains-Sikhs-and-Buddhists/articleshow/39528702.cms>); (v) Commodifying women and saying that a man can disown his wife because marriage is a contract (<http://indiatoday.intoday.in/story/rss-mohan-bhagwat-at-it-again-says-women-should-be-just-housewives-and-husbands-should-be-the-breadwinners/1/241008.html>); (vi) Stating that Godse should have targeted Nehru instead of Gandhi (<http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report-congress-slams-bjp-over-controversial-rss-piece-in-kesari-wants-narendra-modi-to-clarify-2029107> and (vii) Obnoxiously saying that rapes happen in 'India' and not in 'Bharat' (<http://kafila.org/2013/01/04/rss-rapist-suraksha-sangh-rapist-security-society/>); this vicious tirade of RSS is unleashed on a regular basis against individuals and organizations who stand to challenge their fascist thought process.

Latest bundle of lies has been dished out in RSS's 'Organiser' qua a false story being paraded vis-à-vis Congress Vice-President, Shri Rahul Gandhi. Salary and allowances of Members of Parliament are governed by 'The Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament Act, 1954'. Section 3 provides for payment of a salary of Rs.50,000/- per month to all Lok Sabha MPs during their entire term of office of five years. In addition thereto, an MP is entitled to an allowance @ Rs.2,000/- for each day on which he/she is present and signs the register maintained by Parliament's Secretariat when Parliament is in session. Section 3 is reproduced hereunder:-

"3. Salaries and Daily Allowances.—A member shall be entitled to receive a salary, at the rate of Fifty thousand rupees per mensem during the whole of his term of office and subject to any rules made under this Act an allowance at the rate of two thousand rupees for each day during any period of residence on duty:

Provided that no member shall be entitled to the aforesaid allowance unless he signs the

register, maintained for this purpose by the Secretariat of the House of the People or as the case may be, Council of States, on all the days (except intervening holidays for which no such signing is required) of the session of the House for which the allowance is claimed.

Provided further that the rates of salary specified in this section shall be applicable from the 18th day of May, 2010.”

Congress Vice-President, Shri Rahul Gandhi did not draw any daily allowance during the period when he did not attend the Parliament. To impute otherwise, as is being sought to be done by RSS in a diabolical fashion, is a patent lie.

If RSS is still beholden to parading its lies, it would be well advised to first question its Pracharak Prime Minister, its Ministers and BJP-NDA MPs about the reasons for not forgoing pay and allowances for the period during which they did not attend Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha Sessions in 16th Lok Sabha as also during the tenure of earlier Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha.”