

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, you are not reading; so I have reminded you. ...*(Interruptions)*... Vikramjit Singh Sahneyji, please read the approved text. ...*(Interruptions)*... No other words will go. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI VIKRAMJIT SINGH SAHNEY: Sir, I am reading verbatim. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, you are not reading. ...*(Interruptions)*...

Request for financial assistance under 50 year interest free loan to Punjab

SHRI VIKRAMJIT SINGH SAHNEY (Punjab): Sir, if the Central Government is the heart of our nation, State Governments function as its arteries. When an artery is blocked, it affects the entire body's health. To restore proper function, we must address and resolve the blockage. For decades, Punjab has strained its land resources to meet the nation's food security through the Green Revolution. This relentless effort has led to excessive use of chemicals and pesticides, putting the soil at risk of becoming barren. Moreover, the State's health sector is under severe strain, earning the unfortunate title of the "Cancer State of India." To revive Punjab's prosperity, immediate corrective actions are essential. Punjab, with its limited resources, relies heavily on financial support from the Central Government. The State is awaiting substantial dues under various programs.

I call upon the Central Government to expedite the release of these funds and also consider providing a significant share for a 50 year interest free loan from the allocated 1.5 lakh crore under the scheme announced in the Budget, 2024. This support will empower Punjab to advance its development initiatives in alignment with the Central Government's vision of transforming India into a developed nation by 2047.

श्री उपसभापति: आप सभी माननीय सदस्य अनुभवी हैं और आप यह जानते हैं कि जो approved text है, आपको वही बोलना है। फिर भी आप नियम का अनुपालन नहीं करते हैं। I request again to follow the rules.

The hon. Member, Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla (Tamil Nadu), associated himself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member, Shri Vikramjit Singh Sahney.

Now, Shri Samik Bhattacharya, "Delay in operationalization of Haripur Nuclear Power Plant Project."