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The Government of India.

Through its Home Department.

**Subject: initiation of Talks with Sikh Community on their long pending issues
which can be sorted out within the legal framework of Constitution
of India.**

Even though different Political parties have ruled Punjab and the Centre for a considerable period since Independence, some pertinent issues concerning the Sikhs remain unaddressed / Unresolved to this day. The Centre could resolve these pending matters through dialogue and discussion, without involving political wrangling or incurring economic costs. Some Sikh concerns are religious, while others relate to Sikh identity, social values, and legal justice. Addressing these issues within the constitutional and legal framework would undoubtedly remove several irritants and concerns that are unnecessarily creating avoidable adverse feelings among the community towards the Centre and the ruling dispensation.

1. Historically, the great Sikh Gurus and their followers made unparalleled sacrifices to stem centuries-long recurring invasions from Central Asia and beyond. Sikh resistance helped the Indian subcontinent preserve its pristine culture and original native identity, which was evidently threatened by constant waves of armed hordes invading the land. Furthermore, the Sikhs shed more blood than their proportionate share of the population in driving out the British and securing India's freedom.

After enduring immense struggles and untold suffering, the Sikhs earned the religious right to wear the **Kirpan** from the British rulers. This right has rightly been reflected under Article 25 of the Constitution of India. Until recently, no one objected to the wearing of the Kirpan in official or non-official circles.

Today, a Sikh wearing or carrying a Kirpan is often looked upon with suspicion in India. Amritdhari students wearing a Kirpan as part of their religious mandate are being stopped and debarred from entering and sitting for examinations.

The Government of India needs to issue strict guidelines against restricting or debaring Sikhs wearing the Kirpan from taking examinations, both in Punjab and outside the state.

2. Sikhs have their own distinct religious identity, which is highly visible and unmistakable. They feel religiously hurt when they are clubbed with the Hindu majority or mistaken for other turbaned Asians belonging to different religious denominations.

Recognizing the Sikh sensibility attached to their identity, the **Anand Marriage Act**, first enacted in 1909, should be further expanded to include not only registration of marriage, but also provisions like divorce and other matters to marriage. Similarly, special Acts should be framed for Sikhs to address succession, minority rights, and other related issues.

3. Cases of all Sikh political prisoners should be reviewed, and a one-time general amnesty should be granted to those who have undergone their sentences or a substantial portion of them.

4. In the case of **Devinder Pal Singh Bhullar**, who is suffering from a serious mental ailment and has undergone much of his lifetime in imprisonment, the Government of India should recommend to the President of India that his death sentence be pardoned.

5. Historic Gurudwaras such as **Mangu Math in Puri**, **Gyan Godri in Haridwar** and others connected to the Sikh Gurus, which are presently under the control of trespassers, should be got vacated and handed back to the Sikhs for rebuilding and preservation as Sikh Guru memorials.

6. The Punjabi language should be introduced and protected as a second language in states adjoining Punjab, as they have sizeable Sikh and Punjabi-speaking populations.

7. The **Kartarpur Sahib Corridor** should be reopened with immediate effect, ensuring that it remains operational even in the event of any future incidents of hostility between India and Pakistan.

8. Non-Resident Indian (NRI) Sikhs should be granted visas liberally to facilitate their visits to Punjab, **Darbar Sahib, Amritsar**, and other religious places in India. This would help NRIs remain connected to their native soil and religious heritage.

9. The blacklist containing the names of Non-Resident Indian Sikhs should be completely abolished, thereby permitting them to visit India unhindered. This would go a long way in ending anti-India propaganda abroad.

10. Elections to the **Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC)** were last held in 2011, nearly 15 years ago. These elections should be conducted immediately.

Also the 100-year-old **Sikh Gurdwara Act, 1925**, which governs elections to the SGPC and other Sikh religious matters, has long lost its relevance. The Act should be updated and suitably amended to meet present-day needs.

11. Artefacts, books, and manuscripts of Sikh scriptures that were taken into custody by the Indian Army during the June 1984 attack on **Darbar Sahib, Amritsar**, should be returned to the Sikh Panth.

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12. An unqualified apology for the Army attack on the **Darbar Sahib Amritsar** in June 1984 and the Sikh pogrom that occurred thereafter in November 1984 should be tendered in Parliament as a closure of tragic events happened four decades ago.

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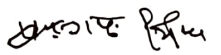

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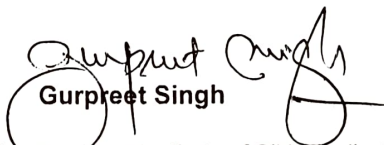
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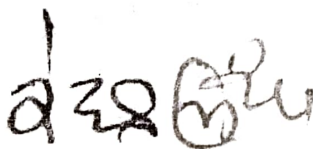
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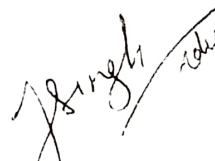
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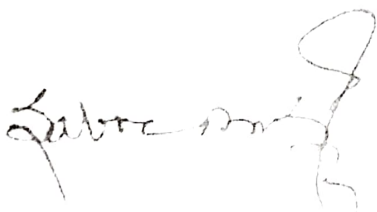
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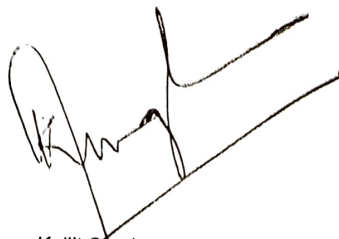
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