

Punjab's unshakable drug smuggling networks

Punjab farmers' protest: 38 trains remain cancelled, Delhi-Amritsar route severely affected

16 Land Cruisers, 13 Scorpios, 2 Innovas to make up Punjab CM's motorcade

Farm suicides unabated in Punjab, over 900 in 2 years

A TALE OF BETRAYAL

Punjab Congress's
MANIFESTO REVIEW

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No landing in sight for addicts in Udta Punjab

Even though drug problem was the biggest election issue when Punjab voted a new assembly in 2017, the state continues to be in the grip of addiction

'Congress govt. has betrayed the people of Punjab'

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PREFACE

As the nation enters an extremely crucial period of its democratic functioning, the 2019 general elections, it is extremely importance to ascertain that the voters exercise their franchise, fully aware and informed. In this spirit, we undertook this mission at Public Policy Research Centre, to present to the people report cards of political parties and enable transparent and accountable functioning of the democracy.

In this series we undertook a comprehensive assessment of the Manifesto promises made by the BJP government at the centre, TDP in Andhra Pradesh, LDF in Kerala, BJD in Odisha, AAP in Delhi, among others. As an academic endeavour, the research team has assessed every promise with the official facts and figures. The exercise was undertaken with complete objectivity and a passion to ensure that every citizen makes an informed choice and holds the elected representative answerable for all the promises made and broken.

The current report enumerates in great detail the performance of Amarinder Singh led Congress government in the State of Punjab. In the run up to the Assembly elections in the State during 2017, the Congress party released a 120-page manifesto with 49 chapters. The voluminous document enumerates 438 promises that relate to many sectors. However, our analysis found that less than 11% of the said commitments were honoured by the ruling Congress government.

More importantly, Mr Amarinder Singh, the Chief Minister of Punjab himself personally made nine promises to the people of Punjab. It is distressing to witness that not a single promise among them has been fulfilled once he came into power. Such has been the sincerity of the government where even the state Chief Minister was not able to deliver on the personal promises made to the people of Punjab.

The farmers of Punjab have been given a bitter deal where many promises like loan waiver, uninterrupted power supply, deficiency price support, among others remained far from reality. The Congress government's major poll promise of 'War on Drugs' is a misleading. Rather than working on the ground to stymie the drug menace, the government was busy in whipping up the empty rhetoric like wiping out drug trade within a month.

There have been several areas where the government's work hasn't even commenced. Promises made to the dalits and minorities have been forgotten and ignored, as did the commitments on the fronts of trade, corruption, and transport, where none of the promises were fulfilled.

Public Policy Research Centre's team has objectively assessed the promises backed by research through official sources available publicly online. We would be delighted to receive feedback and inputs from our readers and aid in healthy discussions on the work done and milestones achieved.

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INTRODUCTION

In a democracy, elected representatives have a solemn responsibilities to work towards the welfare and growth of the people. It is not just power that they are endowed with but an obligation to meet aspirations and local needs. A vital element of a democracy, is adhering to the sanctity of the manifesto. It is a road map and goals that a party promises to achieve if voted to power. It is thus of immense importance that a political party is accountable for the promises made in the manifesto and work done during its tenure.

With this in view, at Public Policy Research Centre, we undertook an elaborate exercise to prepare a report card of several political parties based on the promises made in their manifestoes and the action taken on them. As part of this larger exercise we undertook a detailed assessment of INC Punjab's Manifesto released in 2017. The assessment is based on the initiatives taken by the Congress government vis-à-vis promises laid out at the beginning.

Backed by evidence, the report enumerates all the 438 promises in 49 chapters of the manifesto along with the status on each one of them and presents a comprehensive report card of the government. The initiative has been taken in the spirit of democracy which mandates that every government is answerable to its citizens for all its hits and misses.

OBJECTIVES

- To study the promises made under the Punjab Congress' manifesto released in 2017 Assembly Elections.
- Identifying all the unfulfilled promises from the manifesto of the INC of Punjab.
- Educate the larger society on the need for holding the governments accountable to the people against their own declared commitments thereby fixing responsibility for their time-bound implementation.

SCOPE & METHODOLOGY

- To enumerate and evaluate the promises made under the Punjab manifesto released in 2017 assembly elections, the initiatives were scooped from the entire official information source bases.
- The document provides an objective listing of all failed and misleading commitments made to the people of Punjab by the Congress government.
- Promises which were implemented with the help of Central Government have been considered as delivered in our analysis.
- Further, even promises which were partially fulfilled have also been clubbed under delivered section, giving the Congress Government complete benefit of the doubt.
- Among the various sectors enumerating the promises, all promises under 22 sectors are undelivered.

S.NO	PROMISE	STATUS
Agriculture & Allied Operations		
1	The Punjab Settlement of Agricultural Indebtedness Act 2016 will be made more comprehensive and effective. District Level Settlement and Reconciliation Forum will be broad-based with a retired Judge as its Chairman and one representative each from the Public, the Government and the Bank/ Lending agency as its members. The settlement of debt will be made time-bound.	NOT DELIVERED.
2	A new Law will be enacted to prohibit sale and Kurki of farmers land by the lending agencies. The existing section 67 (a) of the Punjab Cooperative Societies Act 1961 will be omitted.	NOT DELIVERED.
3	The Congress fully supports the recommendations of the Swaminathan Commission and will pursue with the Central Government for its early implementation	NOT DELIVERED
4	Agriculture Marketing will be upgraded and digitized with a complete Ban on utilization of Mandi Board Funds for purposes other than Agriculture Marketing.	NOT DELIVERED
5	Punjab State Agricultural Insurance Corporation will be set up to promote agriculture sector insurance schemes with the seed capital being provided by the government	NOT DELIVERED
6	Greater thrust will be given on Research and Development of Alternative Crops including Maize, Pulses, Horticulture Crops, etc. by PAU.	NOT DELIVERED
7	Deficiency Price Support will be provided to the Maize Farmers.	NOT DELIVERED
8	Updation of APMC Act will be done to ensure direct access of farmers to the national and international markets through digital technology without tinkering with the existing MSP system.	NOT DELIVERED
9	Full Input tax waiver will be given on processing of agriculture produce procured and processed in Punjab.	NOT DELIVERED
10	Greater thrust will be given on Establishment of food parks for processing units of wheat, rice, maize, fruits and vegetables.	NOT DELIVERED
11	Punjab Farmers Commission will be strengthened and re- organized as a statutory body to provide for farmers rights and frame Agriculture Policy in a dynamic mode. The Commission will also be empowered for planning agriculture production. It shall study and survey international markets to assess the export potential and national demand for different agriculture produce to aid and assist the Directorate of Agriculture in preparation of district and block level agriculture production plan according to local agro- climatic conditions.	NOT DELIVERED.
12	Agriculture Production Board (APB) will be established under PAU for supervision of agriculture production process in the state to improve the quality of production. It will be responsible for contract farming and will supervise and guide production process from seeding to post harvesting operations in tandem with APPC plan.	NOT DELIVERED.
13	Contributory Farmer's Pension Scheme will be implemented to ensure social security cover for the farmers.	NOT DELIVERED
14	Free Life and Health Insurance cover of Rs. Five Lacs will provided to all farmers in Punjab.	NOT DELIVERED

15	One member of each family of farmers owning less than 5 acres of land and landless laborers will be provided wage and gainful employment.	NOT DELIVERED
16	Government of India will not be allowed to tinker with the existing MSP system. Instead they will be pursued to effectively implement MSP for other crops i.e. Maize, Pulses also. The State Congress Government will ensure lifting of food grain within 48 hours and payment by procurement agencies within 3 days for the procured food grains	NOT DELIVERED
17	Families of farmers and landless workers adversely affected because of suicides shall receive priority attention of Government and jobs would be provided to one member of each of these families.	NOT DELIVERED
18	Contract farming and land leasing will be guided and enforced through effective laws protecting the rights of land owners and cultivators in equal measure.	NOT DELIVERED
19	Subsidiary occupations including dairying, piggery, poultry, beekeeping, agro-forestry, fishery etc. will be promoted, developed and incentivized at par with the agriculture. The Government of India will be pursued to provide income tax exemption on these occupations on the lines of agriculture.	NOT DELIVERED
20	Cultivation of Maize (Kharif) will be incentivized to save water, electricity and ensure higher returns to the farmers.	NOT DELIVERED
21	The Congress Government will make Punjab a Front Line State in Bee keeping, Piggery and Horticulture	NOT DELIVERED.
22	As earlier, the Congress Government will ensure hassle free and fair procurement of crops with greater application and use of IT.	NOT DELIVERED.
23	Agro and food processing industry will be incentivized with effective forward and backward linkages.	NOT DELIVERED.
24	Development of Cold storage warehousing and Grain silos will be incentivized at par with the agro food processing industry.	NOT DELIVERED
25	To present Punjab as a Premier Dairy State of India, greater funds will be allocated for R&D in Animal Sciences.	NOT DELIVERED.
26	Stamp duty on mortgage of land to access credit will be reduced to 0.25%.	NOT DELIVERED
27	Agro Industries Corporation will be mandated to procure, store, process and market / export agriculture produce as per the contracts entered into by APB.	NOT DELIVERED.
28	The Congress Government will ensure a minimum income (per acre) to the farmers and if required, direct income support will be given.	NOT DELIVERED
29	Capital intensive infrastructure will be provided at the primary cooperative Society level at subsidized rates to curtail the cost of farm operations.	NOT DELIVERED.
30	Credit needs of the farmers will be reassessed and cash credit limit will be provided to the farmers by the Cooperative Banks accordingly.	NOT DELIVERED.
31	Small industry and rural artisans will be provided cheap and easy credit and marketing support through cooperative and commercial banks.	NOT DELIVERED.
32	Greater thrust will be given on income generating economic activities by women and a system will be developed for marketing of their home	NOT DELIVERED.

	made traditional articles such as “durries, khes, embroidery work, Phulkaries, hosiery etc.” on a regular basis.	
33	Agriculture Labour will be compensated suitably along with the landowner farmers at the time of crop-destruction owing to the natural calamities.	NOT DELIVERED.
34	<p>POULTRY - Poultry is the largest employer per unit of investment. The Congress Government will :</p> <p>(a) Promote private sector investment for creating a beneficial value chain from farm to fork, mandatory investment in infrastructure at various levels of value chain, processing, cold storage facilities etc. will be ensured prior to allowing access to the farms, thereby creating new domestic and export markets to ultimately improve farmer income;</p> <p>(b) Regulate all kinds of contracts of farmers to safeguard their interest and save them from any potential exploitation through appropriate statutory mechanism. Such a mechanism will have adequate representation of the farmers;</p> <p>(c) Establish a fully equipped Pathology and Nutrition laboratory for sustainable, healthy, scientific and profitable poultry farming across the state;</p> <p>(d) Review feasibility of linking all government benefits to the size/ capacity of poultry farm to ensure equitable access to government welfare spending for small and marginalized farmers; and</p> <p>(e) Develop a framework for ensuring quality of farming inputs.</p>	<p>(a)NOT DELIVERED.</p> <p>(b)NOT DELIVERED.</p> <p>(c)NOT DELIVERED.</p> <p>(d)NOT DELIVERED.</p> <p>(e) NOT DELIVERED.</p>
River Water of Punjab		
35	Provisions of Section 78/79 of the Punjab Reorganization Act 1966 are ultra-vires of the Constitution and Union Government should so declare it null and void.	NOT DELIVERED
36	Congress Government will relentlessly work to undo injustice done to Punjab in sharing of river waters. It shall strengthen the existing intra-state river water distribution and regulation infrastructure to ensure optimal utilization of water. If so required, it shall construct new water channels, minors and distributaries including Dashmesh Canal to harness full potential of state's river waters; and	NOT DELIVERED
37	Inter-state River Waters cannot be distributed under Article 3 of the Constitution. The Government of India has neither enacted any legislation nor passed any orders under Article 262 read with Entry 56 of Union List, which deal with inter-state rivers. They have rightly not done so because three eastern rivers of Indus System namely Sutlej, Ravi, and Beas are not inter-state rivers qua Haryana, therefore they are not empowered to distribute water of these rivers to non-riparian and non-basin State of Haryana. Union Government should however apprise Hon'ble Supreme Court of India of this truthful constitutional position;	NOT DELIVERED
38	The Congress Government will relentlessly work to undo injustice done to Punjab in sharing of river waters. It shall strengthen the existing intra-state river water distribution and regulation infrastructure to ensure optimal utilization of water. If so required, it shall construct new	NOT DELIVERED

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39	The Congress Government will not allow construction of any new canal including SYL, which takes its river waters outside its territorial jurisdiction.	NOT DELIVERED
War on Drugs		
40	The Indian National Congress will adopt zero tolerance policy for smugglers, peddlers, police officials, politicians, bureaucrats of any rank or the Public who indulge in drugs trafficking. The Congress Government will wipe out the drug trade within a month (4 HAFTE) of its assuming office;	NOT DELIVERED
41	A vigorous campaign to educate young people and to treat & rehabilitate drug users with compassion will be initiated immediately.	NOT DELIVERED
42	To discourage Liquor consumption in Punjab (which has doubled in the last 10 years), 5% of Liquor vends will be closed every year, thereby ensuring substantial reduction of the sale of Liquor in 5 years.	NOT DELIVERED
43	Fast track courts will be setup in all districts after getting the required endorsement from the Punjab and Haryana High Court. These Courts will try the cases under the NDPS Act, which are covered in Table 1 of the Act. Reports of the Forensic Science Laboratory, which now take approximately 6-months, will be placed before the courts within 30 Days of the recovery of contra-band drugs;	NOT DELIVERED
44	The Confiscation of Drug Dealers Property Act will be enacted within 30 days of the formation of Congress Government;	NOT DELIVERED
45	Approximately 45,000 cases under various NDPS Act have been registered. Most (90%) of these cases pertain to Drug users rather than the Drug Peddlers or Traffickers. The Congress Government will review all these cases and responsibility of those involved drug peddling and supplies	NOT DELIVERED
46	Anyone who registers himself at the District De-addiction Centre will be treated with compassion free of cost; and	NOT DELIVERED
47	A skill training initiative will also be launched at the De-addiction Centers so that those cured of the addictions shall become useful/responsible citizens to earn their livelihood.	NOT DELIVERED
Curbing VIP Culture		
The Chief Minister ordered 16 Land Rovers for himself, 13 Mahindra Scorpios for his staff, 14 sedans for his OSDs, 17 Toyota Fortuners for his Ministers, 97 Toyota Crystas for his legislators thus proving his big talk on VIP culture, a hypocrisy.		
48	90 per cent cut in security personnel deployed for personal security of politicians and officials. Security will be rationalized to make need based only.	NOT DELIVERED

49	Two-year ban on official foreign travel of all MLAs/officials (on state government expense) except in cases where it so mandated or provided under any bilateral arrangement or agreement.	NOT DELIVERED
50	All Ministers / CM will travel with bare minimum security and at no point will traffic be stopped or diverted to facilitate their travel. The system of placing Police personnel every few yards (route deployment) will be abolished; and	NOT DELIVERED
51	The District Administration will function as normal even on the visit of CM / Ministers. Any official required by the VIPs, will make himself available with prior written permission of the appropriate authority. The Government officials will not seek resolution of their grievances, if any directly at the political level except with the prior appointment and permission of the competent authority	NOT DELIVERED
Governance Reforms		
52	The Congress government will move away from pseudo reforms to genuine reforms focused on Welfare of the people and Ease and Freedom of Doing Business in Punjab.	NOT DELIVERED
53	Employment Bureaus (EBs) will be established in all districts of the State. Qualified professionals and specialists including Employment Counselors who will carry out fresh surveys of both educated and uneducated unemployed in the State will man these EBs. They will prepare annual district employment plans, clearly setting targets for self and wage employment. Wage employment through skilled and unskilled jobs will be segregated for government and private sectors. Guidance and other facilities will also be provided for overseas education, training and employment. The Congress Government will ensure that all those unemployed registered with the EBs, are provided employment in pursuit of its target to provide employment to at least one person per family. And till such a time when they are provided a job each, they will be partaking of an Unemployment Allowance at the rate of Rs 2500 pm.	NOT DELIVERED
54	Over the last decade the governance in Punjab, apart from being toxic, has become extremely expensive, detached and largely devoid of merit in Punjab. It has made justice unaffordable and rule of law scarce. The Congress Government will expand outreach of quality governance to the common man at a minimum cost, pursuing the principle of Barefoot Governance. Notwithstanding digital delivery of processes and services, direct interaction with the citizens and social audit/ scrutiny will be ensured through regular meetings of village and Mohalla/Ward Nigraan Committees by senior district level departmental officers and DCs/ ADCs/ SDMs etc. Regular periodic inspections of government offices and	NOT DELIVERED

	staff at the block/ tehsil/ district and State level will be made compulsory.	
55	Governance reforms will aim to achieve process reengineering to ensure effective timely delivery of services at village, block, district and state level.	NOT DELIVERED
56	The existing Punjab Lok Bill will be replaced with a new legislation to make it more comprehensive and effective for all persons occupying public offices including politicians, non- officials and employees.	NOT DELIVERED
57	For regular periodic assessment of staffing requirement of various government departments and organization, Staff Inspection and Assessment Organization (SIAO) will be established.	NOT DELIVERED
58	Staffing requirement of all government departments and organizations will be assessed separately for regular, permanent and contractual appointments. Critical core staff will be recruited annually on a regular basis.	NOT DELIVERED
59	A separate Special Component Plan will be prepared for the development of SCs and it will be presented along with the Annual Budget to the Punjab Vidhan Sabha for approval.	NOT DELIVERED
60	A special legislation will be enacted to provide for regular statutorily empowered mechanism for redressal of public grievances at tehsil and district level.	NOT DELIVERED
61	A separate authority will be established for effective management and processing of domestic, industrial and agriculture waste, both in urban and rural areas. Such an authority will work to generate 'Wealth Out Of Waste'.	NOT DELIVERED
62	The Punjab-Online project will be launched to ensure complete digitization of records, processes of government, and the delivery of services across all sectors and departments of the State.	NOT DELIVERED
63	All rural and urban habitations of the State will be wifi-enabled. Likewise all educational institutions of the State will also be provided free internet connectivity.	NOT DELIVERED
64	Free Legal Aid will be provided to all SCs and OBCs who seek to achieve their rights or intend to get 'wrongs' done to them redressed through the judicial process. Separate Legal Advisers/Law Officers will be engaged in the office of Advocate General Punjab, in this regard.	NOT DELIVERED
65	Nayaya Panchayats will be established in rural areas amending the existing law on Panchayats, Block Samitis and Zila Parishads to ensure quick, easy and affordable justice at the grassroots.	NOT DELIVERED
66	One of the biggest challenges facing the administration and one of the biggest headaches for a farmer pertains to revenue records and family partitions. The Congress promises to put this particular task and updation of records on fast track and complete the entire exercise in a time bound manner.	NOT DELIVERED

67	Details of assets of all IAS/IPS and certain other categories of officers will be tabled in Vidhan Sabha every year. Failure at this shall be a punishable offence under the rules.	NOT DELIVERED
68	Special Courts will be established to adjudicate on matters concerning, NRIs, Serving Soldiers, and trial of drug peddlers to ensure speedier justice.	NOT DELIVERED
69	A Commission of Enquiry will be established to review all false cases and FIRs made during the last decade of the SAD-BJP Government with a view to ensure justice to innocent people and the accountability of the guilty so that such things were not repeated in future.	NOT DELIVERED
Legislative Reforms		
70	Right to Education Act – every child below age of 14 years has a right to education. State government will ensure full and effective implementation of the Right to Education Act to provide free elementary education up to standard I to VIII.	NOT DELIVERED
71	NRI Marriage Regulation Act – each marriage with NRI will be registered with the magistrate and proper records will be maintained so as to prevent dual and fraudulent marriages.	NOT DELIVERED
72	Child Labour Act – Ban on Child Labour. No child below the age of 14 will be employed by any individual, household, organization or institution. The employers of the child and the child's parents will be liable and accountable for lapses, if any, in this regard.	NOT DELIVERED
73	NRI Property Safeguards Act will be enacted – for safeguarding the property of NRIs (eg. Summary eviction of Tenant at 90 Days Notice).	NOT DELIVERED
74	Whistleblower Safeguard Legislation – Any person who acts as a whistleblower to expose corruption will be safeguarded against official backlash and victimization on account of his whistle-blowing act. The Congress Government will enact a special Legislation in this regard.	NOT DELIVERED
75	Cable Authority Act – De-politicization of all news channels in Punjab will be ensured. No monopolization or cartelization shall be allowed in cable TV networks and a state-wide statutory cable authority will be constituted comprising of senior media persons under a special legislation to be enacted in this regard.	NOT DELIVERED
76	The Confiscation of Benami Property Act.	NOT DELIVERED
77	The Conflict of Interest Act will enacted to ensure that the MLAs / Ministers were unseated if found to have business interest in their official capacity.	NOT DELIVERED
78	The Punjab Drinking Water and Sanitation Act will be enacted to ensure provision of these basic services as a matter of right of citizens.	NOT DELIVERED
79	The Punjab Law of Historical Memory will be enacted.	NOT DELIVERED
Police Reforms		
80	No political interference will be tolerated at any level. Along with de-politicization of the police force, it is also important to initiate the process of humanization of the police force. The Congress is bound to uphold the human rights of every citizen, of the State. It is a pity that the common man today views the police force with a sense of terror. Reforms will be put in place to ensure that there are no human right	NOT DELIVERED

	violations and no unfair detentions. Each citizen will have a right to report against the police behavior that he/she finds inappropriate or harassing. The complainant's identity will be kept secret and the complaint will be followed within 24 hours and an update on the action will be made public on the State Police web portal.	
81	New training programmes will be initiated for the police personnel to train them to tackle the new crimes and situations that Punjab is grappling with, especially the drug menace and cyber crimes.	NOT DELIVERED
82	A new Police Welfare Fund will be set up to provide for housing of lower police personnel and education of their children.	NOT DELIVERED
83	Most importantly, the unhealthy trend of using police by politicians and bureaucrats as personal security staff will be strongly discouraged.	NOT DELIVERED
84	To increase functional efficiency of the police, territorial restructuring of police stations made by SAD-BJP with a view to politicize Police, will be reviewed and recast.	NOT DELIVERED
85	Modernization of the police infrastructure will be pursued as a priority.	NOT DELIVERED
86	Free Medical Insurance will be provided to all the police personnel and their families.	NOT DELIVERED
87	Large-scale construction of police housing will be initiated to ensure a decent living for all police personnel.	NOT DELIVERED
88	Fixed hours of duty will be implemented, except in the case of emergency duties.	NOT DELIVERED
89	Henceforth all new recruitment into the police will be in the PAP and after five years of service, the policemen will be moved to their home districts. After five years of service, they will be eligible to serve under the various wings of the police e.g., Vigilance, CID, Excise etc.	NOT DELIVERED
90	The Congress government will ensure time-bound promotion of Constable, Head Constable, ASI and all other ranks and these promotions will carry due increments as well.	NOT DELIVERED
91	A zonal headquarters of the PAP will be established in the southern region of Punjab.	NOT DELIVERED
Financial & Economic Reforms		
92	The Congress government will restore to the State its Legitimate Revenue in excise on liquor, auction money of minor mineral, CLU charges, Transport Fees and Taxes, Cable Fees and Taxes, etc. through open competition and bidding with complete removal of mafia from the State;	NOT DELIVERED
93	The Congress government will engage the required staff for all departments and pay them full salaries;	NOT DELIVERED.
94	The Congress government will establish an Employment Commission along the lines of Employment and Skills Commission. The commission will facilitate major job and entrepreneurship ventures, and shall bring employers and employees together. Greater emphasis shall be on creation of more jobs and entrepreneurs. Every new venture in Punjab, which avails or gains any tax concessions from the State, shall have to submit to the Employment Commission stating how many Punjabis will be employed. It shall bring out a weekly magazine- report in both	NOT DELIVERED.

	Punjabi/English, listing all openings in Punjab, apart from maintaining an online database. The commission shall also coordinate and monitor the work of Employment Bureaus;	
95	An Expenditure Management Commission will be setup to examine all government expenditures to ensure prudence and efficiency in spending by various department and other organizations funded by the government;	NOT DELIVERED.
96	Restructuring of Agriculture and Industry - A new policy to restructure agriculture and industry will be announced to facilitate producers, manufacturers and traders for greater investments and business in these areas. Greater financial incentives for agriculture and food processing related activities will be announced in the first budget of the Congress Government so that Punjab could move ahead from producer to manufacturing to trading in agricultural commodities;	NOT DELIVERED.
97	Debt waiver: The State government will initiate a debt waiver and restructuring dialogue with the Union Government to bring the existing huge debt created by SAD-BJP government within the manageable limits; and	NOT DELIVERED.
98	The Congress Government will ensure that no superfluous borrowings are allowed to any department & wherever necessary, borrowing shall be permitted only for capital investments.	NOT DELIVERED
War on Corruption		
99	A new Lok Pal Bill will be introduced with powers to initiate action on complaints including those against the Chief Minister, all other ministers, and the bureaucracy at all levels.	NOT DELIVERED
100	Property details of all legislators and bureaucrats and the police officers will be laid on the table of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha every year.	NOT DELIVERED
101	All contracts above Rs 50 crore will be scrutinized by an Ethics/Transparency Commission; and	NOT DELIVERED
102	Third party audit of all government expenditures including the expenditures of the local bodies for the last three years will be mandatory. Such an audit will be done in first six months of the Congress Government. It shall thereafter be carried out on an annual basis.	NOT DELIVERED
Education		
103	Six per cent of State's GDP will be spent on promotion and development of Education to ensure adequate funds for the concerned departments including Primary, Higher, Technical, Medical and Vocational Education Departments.	NOT DELIVERED
104	A Comprehensive Digital Education Programme will be launched in the State to improve access to quality School Education.	NOT DELIVERED
105	Neighborhood areas of all school will be defined to ensure that every eligible child in that areas goes to the designated school and further school based reforms will be made in keeping with the judgment of Allahabad High Court.	NOT DELIVERED
106	Greater stress will be given on School Electrocutation Programme to achieve access to quality education through digital technology. The	NOT DELIVERED

	schools will be provided regular budget for electricity and other charges to be defrayed by them.	
107	Free Transportation facility will be provided to students: For optimum utilization of resources, school buses will be provided at the government expenditure.	NOT DELIVERED.
108	Outsourcing of Mid Day Meal Scheme: The preparation of Mid Day Meal will be outsourced primarily for two reasons (1) Saving teachers' time and (2) reducing the cost of quality food through economies of scales.	NOT DELIVERED
109	Exclusive cadre of Education Administrators: The posts of DEOs and other senior education administrators, will be from a cadre of education administrators giving due emphasis on specialization. The recruitment for this cadre will be made exclusively out of teachers with the condition that the applicants should have a minimum teaching experience and recruited on the basis of open competition.	NOT DELIVERED
110	The Concept of Cluster Schools will be introduced: For decentralization of School administration one principal of a senior secondary school will be made in charge of all matters concerning a cluster of 10 to 15 schools. Such a principal will be allowed to take all day to day decisions including transfer of school teachers from one school to other, temporarily as and when the need arises. He will be assisted with adequate number of non-teaching staff.	NOT DELIVERED
111	Teachers for teaching only: No non-teaching work will be assigned to the teachers. Currently schools teachers are assigned non-teaching work pertaining to education & other departments. As regards the work of other departments, the Congress Govt will consider to appoint multipurpose workers who will do all type of miscellaneous work including survey work etc. This will require about 15000 people & will not cost more than Rs. 150 crore for per annum. But it will certainly relieve the teachers from other work & they will be available full time for teaching only.	NOT DELIVERED
112	The Education Board will be given autonomy and confined to conduct of examinations rather than running some schools and preparing and printing textbooks.	NOT DELIVERED
113	Greater stress will be given on Strengthening of SCERT and DIETS: Currently preparation of textbooks is the mandate of PSEB. This needs to be handed over to SCERT. Further, DIETS will be opened in all districts. The Government In-Service Training Centers (GISTC) set up to impart training to secondary school teachers will be merged with DIETs. The principals of DIETS will be of higher seniority than the DEOs. Their role in activities like doing Action Research, Learning Centers, Source of learning and wisdom for teachers will be enhanced. Needy teachers will be incentivized for training and higher education. Further, the teacher training programmes will be updated regularly.	NOT DELIVERED
114	Emphasis will be on Improvement in Quality of Education: It will be pursued as a continuous process. Being highly technical, it requires lots of expertise like identifying the deficiencies in teaching methods, understanding the teaching problems, preparing material both for	NOT DELIVERED

	students and teachers, imparting short training to teachers at school level and working with them, focused attention on individual child, sharing of knowledge in teaching, creating a dedicated cadre of trainers on evolving basis etc. This will be accompanied by a strong but decentralized system of monitoring of quality parameters.	
115	Removal of Grievances of Teachers: A credible and transparent system to redress the grievances of teachers will be put in place.	NOT DELIVERED
116	Regular Inspections of Schools: More emphasis will be given on regular inspection with due notice to the schools. However, surprise inspections will also be conducted to ensure improvement in quality of Schools.	NOT DELIVERED
117	Free Text Books to ALL: Provision of free text-books will be made for all students rather than giving free books only to SC students particularly when only the students belonging to poor sections of the society come to government schools.	NOT DELIVERED
118	S. Partap Singh Kairon Scholarship Scheme will be introduced for need based Meritorious, SC and OBC Students to study in Foreign Universities with a minimum coverage of 200 students per annum.	NOT DELIVERED
119	Minimum Learning of Levels (MLLs) will be defined and achieved.	NOT DELIVERED
120	All Government Schools will be provided Wi-Fi and Internet connectivity with adequate infrastructure and hardware.	NOT DELIVERED
121	Adequate infrastructure will be provided in all schools. It will include classroom, toilets, office, drinking water, electricity and the playground.	NOT DELIVERED
122	Each district will have at least two senior Secondary Girls' Schools with the proper hostels – Work in this regard will begin within 100 days of assuming office by the Congress Government.	NOT DELIVERED
123	Libraries of School will be strengthened and one library period will be made mandatory in all schools.	NOT DELIVERED
124	Instead of only yearend examination, continuous evaluation system will be introduced as part of Examination Reforms.	NOT DELIVERED
125	English as a medium of instructions will be offered as an option in Government Secondary Schools.	NOT DELIVERED
126	A Regulatory Authority will be established to supervise and regulate the functioning of the Private Schools.	NOT DELIVERED
127	All School buses / vans / autos will be exempted from payment of Road tax.	NOT DELIVERED
128	Girls Education – Employment oriented professional education for Girls as Teachers, Engineers, Doctors, Nurses etc. will be given priority. Free education shall be provided the girls belonging to SCs, OBCs, Minorities, and rural and urban poor families.	NOT DELIVERED
129	Three Academies on the lines of Maharaja Ranjit Singh Armed Forces Preparatory Academy will be setup in Malwa, Majha and Doaba regions.	NOT DELIVERED
130	The Congress Government will endeavor to set up two more Sainik Schools (One each in Malwa and Majha).	NOT DELIVERED
131	At least 50 new colleges will be opened in Punjab ensuring atleast one degree college at each sub-division –The Congress Government will start this work within 100 days of assuming office.	NOT DELIVERED
132	Autonomous status of State Universities will be restored.	NOT DELIVERED

133	Technical education will be restructured on the lines of SLJET Longowal. Existing technical colleges including some new government colleges will be run according to IIT pattern with multiple entry and exit points for students from Plus one up to Ph.D.	NOT DELIVERED
134	Syllabus of the technical and non-technical institutions will be re-designed inconsonance with present and future needs of national and international industrial market, in consultations with the Industry.	NOT DELIVERED
135	A Regulatory Authority will be established to supervise and regulate functioning of Private Universities and Colleges in the state.	NOT DELIVERED
136	Protesting Teachers Demands: All just demands of protesting teachers will be considered. Teachers on contractual services will be regularized and discrepancies in their salaries etc. will be removed.	NOT DELIVERED
Health		
138	Health Insurance for All: State Health Insurance Scheme will be launched to provide for compulsory health insurance for all. The insurance premium for all those below 18 years and above 60 years will be borne by the State Government, and the others will be required to contribute a part of their premium.	NOT DELIVERED
139	Development of Primary Health Care Centers (PHCs) and Community Health Centers (CHCs) as Multi-Specialties' Hospitals: All PHCs and CHCs would therefore be developed as Independent Multi-specialty hospitals equipped to provide requisite health care facilities to the citizens and ensuring appropriate facilities for medical and non-medical staff at these locations.	NOT DELIVERED
140	Establishment of Referral Mohalla/Ward Health Clinics: The Congress Government will establish referral clinics for every 1000 population, both in rural and urban areas. Each of these clinics will not only be manned adequately but will also be attached with a multi-specialty hospital for referral and follow up treatment.	NOT DELIVERED
141	Online OPD registration and appointments with the Doctors: There is a long queue generally seen outside the hospitals even for OPD registration. This will be handled by providing more windows at the reception and also by providing the facility for online registration. This will save time and avoidable harassment to the patients.	NOT DELIVERED
142	Appointment of Hospital Administrators: Doctors for Patients only- Hospital administration is a highly technical subject these days. In the absence of specialized hospital administrators, only the medical officers and specialists are required to do most of the tasks themselves at the cost of patients' time. The specialist doctors need be spared from the routine administrative jobs. The Congress Government will run management courses in this regard to improve overall efficiency of the system. The doctors will be for clinical and medical work only.	NOT DELIVERED
143	Regular Recruitment of Doctors particularly Specialists: There is huge shortage of doctors particularly the specialists. The shortage of the specialists is a big hurdle in achieving the desired targets on MMR and IMR. Thus, doctors will be recruited regularly on an annual basis to ensure regular and adequate availability of services.	NOT DELIVERED

144	Opening of Medical Colleges: at least five new medical colleges will be opened in the state, apart from improving infrastructure, facilities and man power in the existing medical colleges.	NOT DELIVERED
145	Doing away of entertaining MLRs without police recommendations: This is another reform required to improve the efficiency of hospital administration. People generally having disputes over trivial matters come to hospitals and pressurize the doctors to issue medico-legal reports and try to create evidence in their favor and against the rival party. This not only takes valuable time of doctors but also exposes them to complaints by rival parties. This will however be distinguished from some serious cases of road accidents etc. MLRs will be entertained only in serious cases on the recommendations of the Police.	NOT DELIVERED
146	Universalization of User Charges: Patients are required to pay user charges at various facilities. These charges vary from facility to facility. Depending upon the size and available services, these charges will be kept to minimum and made uniform.	NOT DELIVERED
147	Emphasis on preventive health care system: In developed countries and even in small countries like Sri Lanka, there is a complete integration of health and sanitation services. Some of these services like sanitation both in rural and urban areas and also nutrition programmes, will be merged with health department to emphasize preventive health care and create a cadre of public health specialist to oversee proper implementation of preventive healthcare.	NOT DELIVERED
148	Online monitoring of Ultrasound centers: The implementation of Pre-Natal Diagnostic (Prevention) Act is always difficult and found wanting in the States like Punjab and Haryana. There is a requirement to submit monthly information of all scans carried out by an ultrasound center, during a month by 5th of every next month. This serves a little purpose in the presence of IT and better tools. Neither the Civil Surgeon is analyzing this information nor is it easy to document and prepare by the ultrasound centers. A better way would be to make online registration of all such cases by the ultrasound centre mandatory. These should further be transmitted to Civil Surgeon, for regular online monitoring.	NOT DELIVERED
149	Separate cadres of General Duty doctors and Specialists: It has been observed that there is little distinction made at district level between specialists and general doctors. Many times, the specialists are assigned duties that can and should be performed by general doctors who are simple MBBS. By putting specialists on general duties, we end up wasting valuable resources. This objective will be achieved by establishing separate cadres of general doctors/physicians and the specialists.	NOT DELIVERED
150	Upgrading and Equipping District Hospitals with all equipment and ensuring their regular maintenance: All the district hospitals will be upgraded and equipped with modern machines like MRI, CAT Scan etc. to ensure that these facilities are available to all the deserving and needy persons.	NOT DELIVERED
151	Chemists and Pharmacists: The Congress Government will - Not issue Wholesale License for sale of drugs inside the Government Hospitals;	NOT DELIVERED

	Issue Drug Licenses to successors in interest on Death or Dissolution of partnership provided the successors in interest, have requisite qualifications; and Ensure adequate supplies of drugs at affordable price, checking artificial shortages at any point of time.	
152	Community Medical Service: The Congress Government will: review and enact a new legislation on the basis of the West Bengal "Community Medical Service" where Health volunteers would be given basic minimum training for 2 years. These volunteers would in turn be licensed to give First Aid and Emergency Aid.	NOT DELIVERED
153	<p>Indian Medical Associations:</p> <p>(a) The Punjab Medicare Persons and Medicare Institutions (prevention of Violence and Damage to property) Act 2008, will be strictly enforced. Adequate security will be provided to the hospitals so that doctors can work without any fear and threats;</p> <p>(b) Private hospitals, nursing homes in residential areas will be regularized on as and where basis after payment of the prescribed CLU charges;</p> <p>(c) Review of Cashless Health Schemes – All cashless health schemes of the SAD-BJP Government will be reviewed thoroughly and revised after taking views of all the stakeholders. A modified PGEPIHS will be introduced providing safeguards for employees and pensioners. Package Rates will be at least at par with CGHS rates. There will be transparency in process of empanelment of hospitals, authorization process and pending payments;</p> <p>(d) NO new Acts, rules or regulations regarding private hospitals, if any made, will be applicable retrospectively;</p> <p>(e) Incentives to Private Hospitals – Incentives like subsidized power, subsidized land, reduced property tax rates and tax holidays will be extended to small hospitals too;</p> <p>(f) Problems of PMC – The Punjab Medical Registration Act 1916, under which PMC has been constituted, will be reviewed in consultation with the stakeholders; and</p> <p>(g) Coordination Committee: There will be a Coordination Committee of the IMA Punjab representatives and the Government headed by the State Health Minister, which will meet regularly to take stock of the problems of the health care delivery system and the doctors.</p>	<p>(a)NOT DELIVERED</p> <p>(b)NOT DELIVERED</p> <p>(c)NOT DELIVERED</p> <p>(d)NOT DELIVERED</p> <p>(e)NOT DELIVERED</p> <p>(f)NOT DELIVERED</p> <p>(g)NOT DELIVERED</p>
Industry		
154	An Industrial Urban Corridor between Amritsar and Chandigarh will be set up along the Axis of the GT Road as well as the Hoshiarpur, Gurdaspur road along with Satellite Townships along the way. This will open up major areas of Punjab for Industrial Development.	NOT DELIVERED
155	A New Land Bank will be created for Industrial Development.	NOT DELIVERED
156	In the last Annual Budget of the SAD-BJP Government, Rs. 100 Crore was earmarked for Industrial Department. The Congress Government will enhance this to Rs. 1000 Crore at least to incentivize and develop industry in the State.	NOT DELIVERED

157	Border and Kandi District Capital Incentive Scheme as per Industrial policy 2002-07 will be started again to generate new employment avenues for the youth of these areas to wean them away from drugs and other social evils.	NOT DELIVERED
158	A New Policy for Development of Industrial clusters in the State will be announced immediately. Already more than 40 Clusters have been identified in the State, but MSMEs are not coming forward as there is no defined policy of SAD-BJP Government in this regard.	NOT DELIVERED
159	Establishment of Hostels for Workers of MSMEs will be encouraged.	NOT DELIVERED
160	The amount of Provisional VAT Refund will be increased from Rs. 1 crore to Rs. 3 crore immediately.	NOT DELIVERED
161	Development & Maintenance of Infrastructure in Focal Points & Industrial Estates will be taken up on a War footing.	NOT DELIVERED
162	Special budgetary allocation will be made to improve the existing Industrial Infrastructure, particularly at the Industrial Estates and Focal Points.	NOT DELIVERED
163	Education and Industry, particularly the Manufacturing will be synergized to create R&D hubs to help in development of new technologies and make the industry globally competitive.	NOT DELIVERED
164	"NOC" for industries set up within the Municipal limits in 1980's and 1990's will be exempted.	NOT DELIVERED
165	The Congress Government will remove gap and align the state policies with those of the Central Government so as to enable small-scale industrial units to benefit from the schemes and become competitive.	NOT DELIVERED
166	PAU will tie-up with the Industry for new Technology and for Products, particularly in Agro and Food Industry.	NOT DELIVERED
167	TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL BOARDS will be established or broad based so as to advise the Government in preparing and implementation of the policies for quick and effective growth of trade and industry in the state.	NOT DELIVERED
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169	HOSIERY INDUSTRIES (a) The Industrial Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre will be set up in Ludhiana; (b) Diploma and Degree Programs for Education and Training in Hosiery will be introduced in Institutes of Technical Education; (c) Workers Hostel for Migratory Labour will be set up in Ludhiana; and (d) the proposal for a full edged Airport at Ludhiana will be pursued.	(a) NOT DELIVERED (b) NOT DELIVERED (c) NOT DELIVERED (d) NOT DELIVERED
170	Trade and Exhibition Centre at Ajnala Road, Amritsar -A Trade & Exhibition Centre will be set up at Ajnala Road, Amritsar on the pattern of Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.	NOT DELIVERED
171	Establishment of Free Trade Zone at Integrated Check Post Wagah/Attari Border will be pursued vigorously.	NOT DELIVERED
172	Development of Small Enterprises :A Large number of Small household units are operating in mix land use areas like Shimla puri, Basti	NOT DELIVERED

	Jodhewal, Sunder Nagar, Dashmesh Nagar, SAS Nagar etc. since 1960. The Congress Government will develop a focal point for all such units and provide land and other facilities like common effluent treatment plant with modern amenities in the area at subsidized rates.	
173	NO NOC and CLU for new electric connection and enhancement of electrical Power Load will be required: The prevailing system to grant new electric connection to enterprises requires submission of NOC from district town planner/ Municipal Corporation/ GLADA etc. It is a difficult process and huge taxes/ development charges are demanded for NOC by the said departments, which make it difficult for the entrepreneurs to get the connection. No NOC and CLUs will be required for new electric connection and enhancement of the existing power load.	NOT DELIVERED
174	Pollution Control Measures: The small but polluting industries/ enterprises will be provided industrial plots at subsidized rates along with all other incentives as provided to new Industries, to motivate the entrepreneurs to shift their enterprises to new focal points outside Ludhiana City.	NOT DELIVERED
175	Exports from Punjab: The state will incorporate online documentation for the export of goods as the entrepreneurs face lot of difficulties from the staff of Customs department in processing of their documents.	NOT DELIVERED
176	Labour Laws : The existing Labour laws will be updated and simplified in consultation with the representatives of Industry and Labour.	NOT DELIVERED
177	Suvidha Centre for Industry under one roof: Industrial Suvidha Centres will be established in all districts under the Punjab Bureau of Industrial Promotion (PBIP).	NOT DELIVERED
178	Open access to electricity will be made easier to facilitate Industry to buy electricity from private power plants with a levy of reasonable charges / duty.	NOT DELIVERED
179	The Congress Government will allot land lying vacant in focal points to small entrepreneurs.	NOT DELIVERED
180	The Congress Government will make registration of plots already allotted in industrial estates hassle-free.	NOT DELIVERED
181	The Congress Government will waive the condition of procuring CLUs (Change of Land Use) for duly notified Industrial Zones.	NOT DELIVERED
182	The Congress Government will standardize all requirements relating to pollution control and make compliance thereof hassle-free.	NOT DELIVERED
183	The Congress Government will setup a Consultative Committee for Industry with the representatives from Industry, government and experts as its members.	NOT DELIVERED
184	The Congress Government will incentivize and promote setting up of major industrial units in the State, which will spur the growth of ancillary units and create employment.	NOT DELIVERED
185	Incentive on Freight Charges: The Punjab Industry is far from the major Ports of India. Raw material used by this Industry like Coal, Iron Ore, Steel Scrap and Ferro alloys come from other States or are being imported and have to be transported to Punjab from sea ports. Finished goods are also exported to the other states or to the other countries.	NOT DELIVERED

	Transportation cost is a great burden and a prohibitive factor for the growth of Punjab Industry. The Congress Government will provide freight equalization incentives to ensure viability and competitiveness of Industry in the State .	
186	ICC at interstate borders will be fully mechanized with no manual interjections at all.	NOT DELIVERED
187	MOHALI INDUSTRY - In order to encourage exports, Dappar dry port will be made fully functional. The Congress Government will initiate dialogue with CONCOR and the Ministry of Railways to start dedicated freight train from Dappar dry port to Mumbai and Kandla. CONCOR will be persuaded to accept half / part containers from the Dappar dry port.	NOT DELIVERED
188	Many large scale Industrial units in Mohali have either closed down or only using some portions of the plot and the rest of the land is lying vacant or unused. They will be allowed to lease out vacant land to other Industrial Unit with prior permission of Government. Similarly situated cases elsewhere in the state will also be treated at par.	NOT DELIVERED
189	Shifting of High Tension Power Lines passing through factories in Industrial Area, Phase 8 & 8-B, SAS Nagar (Mohali) will be taken up on priority.	NOT DELIVERED
190	An efficient, safe and reliable Public Transportation system connecting Industrial areas of Mohali with the Tricity will be developed and implemented.	NOT DELIVERED
191	<p style="text-align: center;">SPORTS GOODS INDUSTRY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Congress Government will :</p> <p>(a) set up a new Focal Point at Jalandhar exclusively for Sports Goods Industry;</p> <p>(b) set up a skill-development center where labour will be trained with latest technique exclusively for the Sports Goods Industry to overcome the problem of shortage of skill labour;</p> <p>(c) open a Research and Development center exclusively for Sports Goods Industry;</p> <p>(d) set up district level Industrial grievances committees in place of the present Trade and Industrial Boards which are mere an eye wash to appease a few of SAD-BJP office bearers and as such they are of no use. The Chairman of these committees will be a local representative from the Industry who commands the respect of all concerned and can help in Industrial growth of the State;</p> <p>(e) pursue with J & K Govt. to ensure easy availability of Kashmir Willow Clefts to the Sports Goods Industry;</p> <p>(f) take effective steps to modernize the manufacturing of various Sports Goods items;</p> <p>(g) formulate a policy to replace the imported Sports items by manufacturing these in Jalandhar by importing technology from abroad; and</p> <p>(h) waive processing fee charged by Excise and Taxation Department, Govt. of Punjab.</p>	<p>(a) NOT DELIVERED</p> <p>(b) NOT DELIVERED</p> <p>(c) NOT DELIVERED</p> <p>(d) NOT DELIVERED</p> <p>(e) NOT DELIVERED</p> <p>(f) NOT DELIVERED</p> <p>(g) NOT DELIVERED</p> <p>(h) NOT DELIVERED</p>
192	<p style="text-align: center;">RICE SHELLING INDUSTRY</p> <p>The present SAD-BJP government has failed to implement many</p>	(a) NOT DELIVERED

	<p>decisions of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) e.g. depreciation of C class gunnies, causing a loss of up to Rs. 20 lacs per Rice miller. While the FCI had released payment on account of gunnies for the last three years to the State agencies, the same has not been transferred to the millers. Similarly, the state agencies are not paying transport charges despite the same having been already released to them by the FCI. In order to redress the pending grievances of the Rice Shellers, the Congress Government will:</p> <p>(a)take action against the guilty in the bardana scam causing tremendous loss to the rice millers and ensure that the millers do not suffer on account of use of gunny bags;</p> <p>(b)release transportation charges immediately on receipt from the FCI;</p> <p>(c)revisit the question of levying a recovery of Rs. 3 per quintal on rice-millers;</p> <p>(d)provide for On-line refund of security amount after the delivery of rice to the government;</p> <p>(e)withdraw levy of profession tax by SAD-BJP government on road transport contractors carrying rice;</p> <p>(f)engage with the representatives of Rice Miller Association regarding fixation of standards of paddy supplied for shelling, milling charges and yield of rice (for different varieties of paddy) etc.;</p> <p>(g)replace Security of Rs. 5 Lacs taken before milling by the Government of Punjab with a bond/bank guarantee;</p> <p>(h)eliminate Inspector Raj that causes Corruption in procurement operations; and</p> <p>(i)introduce temporary Power Connections and payment on actual electricity consumption.</p>	<p>(b)NOT DELIVERED</p> <p>(c)NOT DELIVERED</p> <p>(d)NOT DELIVERED</p> <p>(e)NOT DELIVERED</p> <p>(f)NOT DELIVERED</p> <p>(g)NOT DELIVERED</p> <p>(h)NOT DELIVERED</p> <p>(i)NOT DELIVERED</p>
Trade		
195	Traders (Beoparis) will be given dignity honour, full freedom of choice and respect, which they deserve. The Congress will raise the voice of Beoparis and be their advocate to resolve their pending issues / grievances;	NOT DELIVERED
196	Advanced Tax will be withdrawn;	NOT DELIVERED
197	For fair and proper implementation of GST, Trade and Industry will be taken into condence. There will be no clause of imprisonment in the bill and rates of taxes will be commensurate with those in other states to encourage trade and industry in the state;	NOT DELIVERED
198	Special Grievances Cells will be established for redressal of Beoparis' grievances in a time bound manner;	NOT DELIVERED
199	A Robust insurance scheme will be put in place for traders who may, by the quirk of circumstances, fall upon bad days;	NOT DELIVERED
200	Manufacturers will be expected to ensure quality of goods made and sold by them;	NOT DELIVERED

201	Selling and Purchase of used Cars: Lakhs of people are directly or indirectly associated with the sale and purchase of used cars for their livelihood. The Congress Government will rationalize taxes on used vehicles and streamline the processes to facilitate such a trade.	NOT DELIVERED
Tourism		
202	Ensure that the Policy so formulated gives grater thrust on development of Heritage, Eco and Farm Tourism;	NOT DELIVERED
203	Give greater incentives to local investments in Heritage, Eco and Farm Tourism.	NOT DELIVERED
204	Encourage and incentivize local youth as Tour Operators on pre- defined tourist circuits;	NOT DELIVERED
205	Grant fiscal incentives at par with the Industry to all the projects aimed at promotion and development of Tourism including establishment of Budget Hotels at various district HQs; and	NOT DELIVERED
206	Establish professional Tourist Police to guide, facilitate and ensure safety and security of tourists;	NOT DELIVERED
Welfare of Dalits: Development of a more equitable society		
207	In order to build an equitable & more homogenous society in Punjab, greater thrust will be given on removing poverty, promoting professional education & devolving more resources upon persons/families belonging to scheduled castes, who comprise of 31% of State's population, bringing them at par, both socially & economically, with other sections of the population;	NOT DELIVERED.
208	Reservation for SCs in Government Jobs will be enforced strictly in keeping in view the ACT of 2006 as well as the Constitutional provisions. Existing backlog in recruitment shall be cleared by filling such vacant post in Government in a time bound manner;	NOT DELIVERED.
209	Reservation for SCs will also be applicable to the contractual/outsourced appointments;	NOT DELIVERED.
210	Reservation for SCs will also be applicable for the posts of Chairman, Vice-chairman, members and directors of the Trusts, Boards and Corporations in the state;	NOT DELIVERED.
211	Free education will be provided up to graduation level to all students belonging to SCs and specifically to girl students belonging to SC categories, up to any level;	NOT DELIVERED.
212	SC students will be given scholarships or free education in professional engineering, management and medical colleges. 10 per cent seats would be reserved in all private educational institutions for such a purpose;	NOT DELIVERED.
213	Expenditure on boarding and lodging of SC students admitted to professional colleges, will be borne by the Government;	NOT DELIVERED
214	Post-matric scholarship for SC students will be fully disbursed on time;	NOT DELIVERED
214	Likewise 30 per cent reservation will be made for SCs in leasing of land both residential, commercial or agriculture, by the State Government or an agency or organization set up under any of the State Laws;	NOT DELIVERED

215	Housing for Houseless SCs: Free built up houses (living accommodation) or 5 marla plot will be provided to all homeless SC families with an annual income of less than Rs. 5 lacs. Further Mukhmantri Awas Yojana will be introduced to provide free residential houses to houseless rural and urban poor also;	NOT DELIVERED
216	Free Health and Life insurance cover will be provided to all SC families with an annual income of less than Rs. 5 lacs;	NOT DELIVERED
217	Ensure Employment to at least one member of every SC, OBC Family: At least one member from each family of Scheduled Castes /Backward Classes will get employment so that they do not fall prey to drug-addiction and other anti-social activities;	NOT DELIVERED
218	Minimum 300 units of electricity will be allowed free to all families of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes;	NOT DELIVERED
219	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Community Centres will be build at block level in Punjab to enable poor families belonging to SC, ST and OBC to arrange their meeting and functions free of any charge;	NOT DELIVERED
220	Self Help Groups for Dalit families in rural areas will be set up for generating employment avenues. Provision of low interest productive micro credit will be encouraged;	NOT DELIVERED
221	Venture Capital Fund of Rs 100 crore will be created with SCFC to encourage youth belonging to SCs to start their own ventures; and	NOT DELIVERED
Caring for Economically Backward Classes (OBCs)		
222	Increase reservation of OBCs in government jobs from the present 12 percent to 15 percent;	NOT DELIVERED
223	Increase threshold limit for creamy layer in OBCs from the present Rs 6 lacs to Rs 10 lacs;	NOT DELIVERED
224	Waive Outstanding loans (up to Rs 50000) of Backfinco raised by poor borrowers belonging to OBCs raised by them for self -employment activities;	NOT DELIVERED
225	Venture Capital Fund of Rs 100 crore will be created with Backfinco to encourage youth belonging to OBCs to start their own ventures;and	NOT DELIVERED
226	Housing for Houseless: Free built up houses (living accommodation) or 5 marla plot will be provided to all houseless OBC families with annual income of less than Rs. 5 lacs. Further the Mukhyamantri Awas Yojana will be introduced to provide free residential houses to the houseless rural and urban poor also.	NOT DELIVERED
Minorities		
227	Give due representation to Christians, Muslims and other minorities in all State Boards and Corporations;	NOT DELIVERED
228	Allocate suitable land for burial grounds for Muslims and Christians; and	NOT DELIVERED
229	Establish an Urdu Academy and a Medical College in Malerkotla with adequate allocation of resources;	NOT DELIVERED
230	Promote Professional education amongst the minorities including Muslims, Jains, and Christians by establishing dedicated institutions/centres for them;	NOT DELIVERED

231	Promote, name and dedicate the technical and other professional educational institutions in Muslim and Christian dominated areas to the memory of Muslim Saints and Christian Missionaries;	NOT DELIVERED
232	Provide poor Christian and Muslim families the same benefits as provided to their SC counterparts like Shagun under the Ashirwaad Scheme, Free Electricity, Pensions, loan waiver and scholarship; and	NOT DELIVERED
233	Give Five Marla Plots or houses to all houseless/landless Muslims and Christians of the State whose annual income is up to Rs 5 lacs.	NOT DELIVERED
Rural Development & PRIs		
234	Strengthen and Empower the Panchyati Raj Institutions(PRIs) with all functions and authority in keeping with the 74th Constitutional Amendment Act;	NOT DELIVERED
235	Ensure timely devolution of resources to ULBs as per the recommendations of the State Finance Commission;	NOT DELIVERED
236	Establish Career Counseling and Skill Development Centers in every block / cluster of villages ;	NOT DELIVERED
237	Establish a Separate Rural Infrastructure Development Fund to ensure unabated development of infrastructure in villages including rural roads, streets, drains, sewerage and rinking water supplies;	NOT DELIVERED
238	Provide potable piped drinking water supplies and durable arrangement of sanitation with a toilet to each and every rural household in next two years;	NOT DELIVERED
239	Ensure cleaning and remodeling of all village ponds with regular outflow of sewage water ;	NOT DELIVERED
Border Areas		
240	A special relief package for Border Areas will be announced within a month of formation the Congress Government in the state. This shall involve, creation of new social and industrial infrastructure in the region, grant of reservation in government jobs and select educational institutions and fixing a suitable monthly compensation of land that has been destroyed/rendered unfit for use for defense/strategic reasons;	NOT DELIVERED
241	The residents of areas within 30 kms of international border will be allowed 3 per cent reservation in Government Jobs;	NOT DELIVERED
242	The residents of areas within 30 kms of international border will be allowed 5 per cent reservation in professional educational institutions;	NOT DELIVERED
243	The limit of capital industrial investment for fiscal and other incentives under the State Policy, shall be 25 percent of the limit prescribed for other areas;	NOT DELIVERED
244	And 20 percent of state's total expenditure on infrastructure development shall be spent on border districts of the State.	NOT DELIVERED
Urban Development and Local Self Government		
245	Restructure Urban Local Bodies including Municipal Corporations, Municipal Councils and the Nagar Panchayats/NACs to ensure that these become financially and economically viable structures of Local Self Government;	NOT DELIVERED
246	Rationalize all taxes and levies including user charges for water and sanitation and property tax imposed by ULBs	NOT DELIVERED

247	Ensure that no taxes and levies are charged by ULBs from the urban poor with an annual income of less than Rs 2.5 lacs, widows, ex-servicemen, freedom fighters, physically challenged persons, and the philanthropic organizations which are exempt from payment of income tax;	NOT DELIVERED
248	Empower ULBs with all functions and authority in keeping with the 74th Constitutional Amendment Act;	NOT DELIVERED
249	Ensure timely devolution of resources to ULBs as per the recommendations of the State Finance Commission;	NOT DELIVERED
250	Pursue Urban Sector Reforms including proper and effective solid and liquid waste management, Integration of City Planning and Delivery Functions, e-governance and delivery of services, re-engineering of processes for delivery of citizen services, rationalization and restructuring of staffing and streamlining of accounting on corporate lines;	NOT DELIVERED
251	PROVIDE proper and adequate basic civic services, ensuring 100 coverage of urban population with potable piped drinking water supplies, sewerage, sewage treatment and waste management;	NOT DELIVERED
252	Pursue development of city infrastructure alongside the provision of basic services including construction of roads and streets, parks, street lights, citizen friendly city transport system, e-kiosk to facilitate urban populations in achieving Smart Cities;	NOT DELIVERED
253	Establish a Separate Urban Infrastructure Development Fund to ensure unabated development of infrastructure in cities including the full provision of basic civic services;	NOT DELIVERED
254	Pursue the Government of India for abolition of octroi in Jalandhar and Ferozpur Cantonments;	NOT DELIVERED
255	Establish a Separate authority for effective management and processing of domestic, industrial and agriculture waste, both in urban and rural areas. Such an authority will work to generate 'Wealth Out Of Waste'; and	NOT DELIVERED
256	Review and relocate the Solid Waste Dumps at Amritsar, Jalandhar, Patiala and Bathinda.	NOT DELIVERED
257	Ensure effective implementation of MNREGA with more extensive coverage of rural populations, development of rural infrastructure, timely (15 days) payment of wages based on statutory minimum wages.	NOT DELIVERED
Transport		
258	Open up the transport sector and ensure free and fair grant of licenses for buses, mini buses & other commercial vehicles in a transparent way;	NOT DELIVERED
259	Put in place a fool-proof and hassle-free system for collection of toll tax on new roads and remove the toll plazas from old roads as per the original agreements with concessionaires;	NOT DELIVERED
260	Ensure seamless entry of eligible goods carriers in the State from other parts of the country;	NOT DELIVERED
261	Make the transfer of Registration Certificate (RCs) of used vehicles (transport and passenger) less costly and hassle free; and	NOT DELIVERED
262	Stop penalization of truckers and consider a lump sum road tax for a fix number of years for the trucking industry.	NOT DELIVERED

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263	<p align="center">YOUTH AFFAIRS</p> <p align="center">Employment Generation:</p> <p>A comprehensive job creation scheme is what Punjab needs the most. By job creation, we mean, creation of jobs at all levels, right down from factory door-employment to high level techies. The Congress will aim to ensure that no Punjabi leaves the state due to lack of employment opportunities. With this objective, the Shaheed Bhagat Singh Employment Generation scheme will be introduced which will include;</p> <p>(a) 'Apni Gaddi Apna Rozgar' One lac taxis, commercial LCV's and other vehicles per annum will be provided to the unemployed youth at subsidized rates. The State Government will stand guarantee and no collateral will be required. They will be expected to repay the loan in 5 years'. The Government will tie-up with major taxi operators' like OLA, UBER etc. to ensure success of this scheme;</p> <p>(b) 'Harra (Green) Tractor Scheme (35 to 50 HP)' At least 25 thousand tractors along with other agricultural implements will be given at subsidized rates to the unemployed youth enabling them to start their own venture for agriculture services. The State Government will stand guarantee and no collateral will be required. They will be expected to repay the loan in five-year installments;</p> <p>(c) Creation of new jobs in Government & Private Sectors to ensure a job for every household in five years, 2017- 22: The scheme shall involve setting up of new skill centers, start of new infrastructure projects, getting new corporate investment, setting up of agro processing industry and establishing new logistics set ups. All these steps shall create desired employment opportunities;</p> <p>(d) Compulsory recruitment of local youth by industrial investors in Punjab up to 50 per cent of the total work force; and</p> <p>(e) Yaari Enterprises: Small Enterprises promoted by two or more young entrepreneurs, termed as Yaari Enterprises will also be subsidized and incentivized to create employment for the youth. Such enterprises will receive a subsidy of 30 percent up to a maximum investment of Rs 5 lacs. Nearly one lakh such enterprises will be set up every year for the next five years, 2017-22.</p>	<p>(a) NOT DELIVERED</p> <p>(b) NOT DELIVERED</p> <p>(c) NOT DELIVERED</p> <p>(d) NOT DELIVERED</p> <p>(e) NOT DELIVERED</p>
264	<p align="center">EMPLOYMENT BUREAUS:</p> <p>Employment Bureaus (EBs) will be established in all districts of the State. These EBs will be manned by qualified professionals and specialists including Employment Counselors and carry out fresh surveys of both the educated and the uneducated unemployed in the State. They will also prepare annual district employment plans, clearly setting targets for self and wage employment. Wage employment through skilled and unskilled jobs will be clearly segregated for government and private sectors. Guidance and other facilities will also be provided for overseas education, training and employment. The Government will ensure that all those unemployed registered with the EBs, are provided employment in pursuit of its target to provide employment to at least one person in each family. And till the time they</p>	<p>NOT DELIVERED</p>

	are provided a job each, they will be partaking of an Unemployment Allowance at the rate of Rs 2500 pm. The work of EBs and implementation of employment generation schemes will be overseen by a permanent Employment Commission.	
265	Incentive to Use Digital Technology In order to encourage and incentivize youth to use digital technology in day-to-day life, the Congress Government will give free Smart Mobile Phones to the youth. This will enable the youth, among other things, to be a beneficiary and a partner in efforts to digitize Punjab through the Punjab Online Project.	NOT DELIVERED
Rural Areas - High Priority		
266	Strengthen and Empower the Panchyati Raj Institutions(PRIs) with all functions and authority in keeping with the 74th Constitutional Amendment Act;	NOT DELIVERED
267	Ensure timely devolution of resources to ULBs as per the recommendations of the State Finance Commission;	NOT DELIVERED
268	Establish Career Counseling and Skill Development Centers in every block / cluster of villages ;	NOT DELIVERED
269	Establish a Separate Rural Infrastructure Development Fund to ensure unabated development of infrastructure in villages including rural roads, streets, drains, sewerage and rinking water supplies;	NOT DELIVERED
270	Provide potable piped drinking water supplies and durable arrangement of sanitation with a toilet to each and every rural household in next two years;	NOT DELIVERED
271	Ensure cleaning and remodeling of all village ponds with regular outflow of sewage water ;	NOT DELIVERED
Comprehensive Policy for redressing NRI Issues		
272	Introduction of special Government Interface Center in every town wherein NRIs will directly approach for any issue their families face in Punjab. These centers will have tele-conferencing facilities enabling NRIs to apprise the officers-on-duty of their grievances. These Centers will, in turn, be responsible for taking appropriate timely action in the matter on priority;	NOT DELIVERED
273	A special portal will be designed for NRIs to give their feedback;	NOT DELIVERED
274	An Institution of Ombudsman for NRIs will also be created to monitor the action on their complaints;	NOT DELIVERED
275	NRI investment plans for industry and social sectors in the State will be dealt on a priority basis. There will be a single window system with a 36-hour guaranteed clearance of the proposals;	NOT DELIVERED
276	Citizen Contact Centers of the Government of Punjab will also be set up in five cities of the European Countries to cater as one-stop centers for all issues of the NRIs living in those countries and concerning the State of Punjab; and	NOT DELIVERED
277	The Congress Government will set up a Special Section in the Department of NRI to deal with emigration and related issues, thus preventing the large scale Loot by Unauthorized Travel Agents.	NOT DELIVERED

Social Security		
278	A New Social Security Scheme will be launched that shall allow a reasonable level of tax deduction at source, while an individual is working. Post-retirement, he will be provided with a social security in the shape of regular pension. All private business and industrial entrepreneurs, who pay state taxes shall start getting this pension at the start of the 60th year of age. A portion of the tax paid will be credited to the specially created social security account of the concerned tax payer which shall determine the level of his pension on his retirement;	NOT DELIVERED
279	The existing rates of pensions for Old aged, Widows, and the differently abled will be reviewed and enhanced to Rs. 1500 per month; and	NOT DELIVERED
280	Every year the whole month of July will be dedicated to setting up Camps in every district where disabled / handicapped will be able to update Disability Certificate, Pension Papers, Medical Certificates, Railways & Bus Passes and Medical Insurance;	NOT DELIVERED
281	The Minimum pension for disabled will be Rs. 1500/- per month and this will be transferred directly into their bank accounts;	NOT DELIVERED
282	A Government School for Deaf and Dumb will be setup immediately (No such school exists in the whole of Punjab);	NOT DELIVERED
283	Free Education at all levels will be provided to Disabled / Handicapped / Special Students;	NOT DELIVERED
284	The Government Schools for Blind at Jamalpur (Ludhiana) will be upgraded to +2 immediately and the Staff will be recruited to full strength;	NOT DELIVERED
285	A Government School for Mentally challenged/ Slow Learner will be setup in the State in the first year of Congress Government with the aim to setup similar schools in every district in the coming years;	NOT DELIVERED
286	Adequate number of Wheel Chairs, Electronics Air Beds and Pumps will be provided to the people with spinal injuries;	NOT DELIVERED
287	The Backlog in Government Jobs for Handicapped persons will be filled up immediately;	NOT DELIVERED
288	A Skill Development Institute will be established for the Physically Challenged Persons;	NOT DELIVERED
289	Disabled Girls will also be entitled to the benefits of Ashirwad Scheme' at the time of their wedding; and	NOT DELIVERED
290	The Para-Olympic Athletes who bring laurels to the State will be treated at par with other Athletes in terms of rewards and benefits.	NOT DELIVERED
Real Estate Sector		
291	Recognize the Real Estate Sector as Infrastructure Industry and set up a State Board including inter alia representatives of the Sector to suggest measures for its future growth;	NOT DELIVERED
292	For new projects there will be easy licensing, more saleable area, time bound system and reasonable License Fee, EDC, & CLU charges. No CLU will be charged in the same ZONE / CATEGORY. Licensing will be decentralized and made easy;	NOT DELIVERED

293	Single window system will be made more effective. After the completion of necessary requirements License will be granted within 24 hours on the undertaking from the colonizer to comply with requisite NOC within stipulated period. However the failure to comply will amount to deemed cancellation;	NOT DELIVERED
294	There will be no need of completion certificate for old approved colonies;	NOT DELIVERED
295	The collector rates of property will be reviewed in keeping with the downturn in the economy; and	NOT DELIVERED
Power Reforms		
296	The Congress Government will revisit power sector reforms to ensure 24x7 power supply at affordable tariff to all sectors of State's economy including domestic consumers, trade, business and industry;	NOT DELIVERED
297	Electricity tariff for industry will be frozen for five years;	NOT DELIVERED
298	POWERCOM shall be required to reduce AT&C losses by one percent every year;	NOT DELIVERED
299	Electricity duty on Industry will be reduced by 10 percent;	NOT DELIVERED
300	Electricity connections will be issued on demand for all categories of consumers;	NOT DELIVERED
301	Separate dedicated feeders/lines will be provided for high demand/pressure and big consumers and growers of cash crops who intend to avail 24x7 electricity supplies at differential tariff. Infrastructure for such consumers will be provided by Power Com at no profit no loss basis;	NOT DELIVERED
302	Transparency in operations of PowerCom will be ensured through Third Party Pre-Audit. The operations of PowerCom for the last 5 years will be investigated through third party professional auditors;	NOT DELIVERED
303	Greater investments will be made to improve, modernize and upgrade distribution and transmission infrastructure to ensure smooth supply of power to all consumers, particularly those in remote, distant and scattered areas;	NOT DELIVERED
304	Uninterrupted power supply will be ensured to all educational and health care institutions in the State;	NOT DELIVERED
305	Infusion of IT will be accelerated in all technical operations including generation, transmission and distribution of power to improve internal efficiencies, reduce losses and avoid frequent break down of the systems and supplies;	NOT DELIVERED
306	Independent Dedicated Grievances' Redressal Mechanism will be established at district level to ensure electricity related complaints and issues of the consumers were settled as early as possible but not later than 30 days;	NOT DELIVERED
307	Solarization of Irrigation Pumps: Since supplies to irrigation pump-sets is quite significant and causes major commercial distress, besides breeding inefficiencies, Punjab needs to isolate the agricultural supplies from the grid system by way of solarization of irrigation pump sets. Adequate financial provisions will be made to fund the solarization plan over a period of 5 years;	NOT DELIVERED

308	The Corporate Structure to manage Power Utilities will be empowered and granted adequate autonomy and support of the government to pursue next generation power reforms;	NOT DELIVERED
309	Efforts will be made to ensure full capacity utilization of power plants owned by PowerCom and the existing PPAs will renegotiated to ensure that low cost power is first availed by the State for the benefit of its consumers; and	NOT DELIVERED
310	Pachwara Coal Mine of PowerCom will be made fully operational to ensure supply of cheaper coal to power plants at Ropar, Bathinda and Lehra Mohabatt.	NOT DELIVERED
Cooperatives		
311	Professional management will be introduced and encouraged in the cooperative organizations instead of bureaucratic administration and control;	NOT DELIVERED
312	Cooperative organizations will be developed as self-reliant autonomous institutions for socio-economic development. The role of government will be curtailed to supervision only;	NOT DELIVERED
313	The Self-reliant Cooperative Societies Act, 2005 enacted by the Congress Government, will be fully implemented;	NOT DELIVERED
314	The Departments of Cooperation and Cooperative Audit will be restructured to make them development and people friendly;	NOT DELIVERED
315	All PACS will be made multifunctional and responsive to local needs so that they may undertake any business activity for socio- economic development in their area of operation;	NOT DELIVERED
316	Agriculture implements including tractors, seeders, reapers, threshers etc. will be provided to PACS at subsidized rates to support small and marginal farmers in undertaking agriculture operations at nominal charges;	NOT DELIVERED
317	PACS will be involved in marketing of agriculture produce and will be provided storage facilities such as plinths, cold stores for agriculture produce;	NOT DELIVERED
318	Cooperative Banking System will be restructured to make it vibrant, cost effective, financially strong and competitive;	NOT DELIVERED
319	Cooperative Marketing Federation will be remodeled and involved in direct procurement, storage, processing and marketing of the agriculture produce;	NOT DELIVERED
320	Cooperative Sugar Industry will be revived, modernized and made multi-functional with the latest technology; and	NOT DELIVERED
Street Vendors		
321	Presently the poor who eke out a living by vending their wares on peripatetic carts (Rehris) or squatting on the roadsides (Pharis) have to face the wrath of the enforcement agencies. To provide them a decent and uninterrupted means of livelihood, the Congress Government will immediately enforce the implementation of the Street Vendors Act, 2014 enacted by the UPA government and provide full opportunity to every person above the age of 18 years to work uninterruptedly at designated places.	NOT DELIVERED.

Labourers and safai karmacharis		
322	Suitably revise DC wages / rates for all categories of employees, linking them with the General Price Index;	NOT DELIVERED.
Pensioners & Senior Citizens		
323	Strengthen and Empower the Panchyati Raj Institutions(PRIs) with all functions and authority in keeping with the 74th Constitutional Amendment Act;	NOT DELIVERED.
324	Ensure timely devolution of resources to ULBs as per the recommendations of the State Finance Commission;	NOT DELIVERED.
325	Establish Career Counseling and Skill Development Centers in every block / cluster of villages ;	NOT DELIVERED.
326	Establish a Separate Rural Infrastructure Development Fund to ensure unabated development of infrastructure in villages including rural roads, streets, drains, sewerage and rinking water supplies;	NOT DELIVERED.
327	Provide potable piped drinking water supplies and durable arrangement of sanitation with a toilet to each and every rural household in next two years;	NOT DELIVERED.
328	Ensure cleaning and remodeling of all village ponds with regular outflow of sewage water ;	NOT DELIVERED.
Gaushala & Stray Cattle Ponds		
329	Open one Gaushala and Stray Cattle Pound in every block run by the State Animal Husbandry Department; and	NOT DELIVERED
330	Make necessary provisions for NGO and Municipalities run Gaushalas at Rs. 30/- per animal per day.	NOT DELIVERED
Defense Personnel Welfare		
331	Indian Prisoners of War in Pakistan Jails since 1971: The Congress Government will immediately take up the issue with GOI. The contribution of the dependents will be recognized and a suitable scheme will be formulated for their welfare.	NOT DELIVERED
332	The Backlog of Vacancies in keeping with 13 %reservation in jobs for ex-servicemen will be cleared.	NOT DELIVERED
333	Skilled Labour: All Ex-Servicemen whether employed by PESCO or otherwise, will be treated as skilled labour and paid at the prevailing Collector rates.	NOT DELIVERED
334	Reservation of seats in private institutions: The Congress Government will provide for reservations in Private Schools / Colleges/ Universities for the children of ESM.	NOT DELIVERED
335	Excess levy of tax on CSD canteen items in Punjab: Levy of tax will be at par with the neighboring State.	NOT DELIVERED
336	Compulsory NCC: NCC shall be made compulsory in all institutes (govt. or private) & ex-servicemen will be employed as instructors to steer into a disciplined force.	NOT DELIVERED
Infrastructure Development		
337	Third Party Professional audit of the rural and urban infrastructure will be carried out in three months to identify the existing inadequacies and deficiencies for remedial measures. Infrastructure Renewal Plans will	NOT DELIVERED

	be prepared for each block and municipalities in the state to ensure time bound action to meet the identified requirements;	
338	Rural Infrastructure Renewal Fund : A separate fund will established to renew, repair and maintain rural infrastructure including village roads, school buildings, hospitals and dispensaries, vet hospitals and dispensaries, panchayat bhawans, cremation grounds and burial grounds, sports stadiums, village street and drains etc.,	NOT DELIVERED
339	Widening of Rural Link Roads: At least one rural link road to a village will be widened from 10 ft to 18 ft under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna (PMGSY);	NOT DELIVERED
340	Urban Infrastructure Renewal Fund: a separate urban infrastructure fund will be established to renew, repair and maintain urban infrastructure to ensure 100 percent coverage of populations with potable drinking water, sanitation, sewerage, sewage treatment, waste management, and smooth flow of traffic with quality roads and streets;	NOT DELIVERED
341	All district head quarters will be linked with high speed six lane roads. This will include widening and strengthening of Chandigarh-Ropar-Jalandhar-Amritsar Road; Chandigarh- Patiala-Sangrur-Bathinda Road; Chandigarh-Ludhiana	NOT DELIVERED
342	Canalization of major rivers of the state, Ravi, Beas and Sutlej and construction of high speed economic corridors on bunds Dhusis on these rivers will be undertaken not only to secure livelihood of a large number of farmers but also to secure new possibilities of jobs and businesses for local populations in and around these areas;	NOT DELIVERED
343	Establishment of new industrial hubs, Industrial Focal Points and Infrastructure Logistic Parks along side the Rail Freight Corridors will be pursued on priority;	NOT DELIVERED
344	Establishment of investor specific industrial parks and townships to promote new investment in IT, Food Technology, Bio-technology, and Agro and Food Processing will be pursued on a priority;	NOT DELIVERED
345	Speedier development of air ports at tier II cities of Bathinda, Patiala Jalandhar, Ludhiana, and Pathankot, will be ensured;	NOT DELIVERED
346	The Road Safety Authority will be setup to study the cause of road accident and deaths in the State with a view to minimize the same; and	NOT DELIVERED
347	A State Site Selection Committee shall be setup to suggest appropriate sites to locate or relocate the Solid Waste Management Plants and Waste/Garbage dumps at Amritsar, Jalandhar Cantonment, Patiala and Bathinda.	NOT DELIVERED
Women Empowerment		
348	Ensure 33% reservation for women in all Government Jobs including contractual appointments;	NOT DELIVERED
349	Ensure skill development for widows of farmers who commit suicide for their quality employment;	NOT DELIVERED
350	Provide free education including hostel facility to children of suicide victims;	NOT DELIVERED
351	Ensure SAFE cities for all women;	NOT DELIVERED
352	Provide Free education for girls for Class I to Phd.;	NOT DELIVERED

353	Formulate a State Policy on Empowerment of Women with an action plan and allocation of resources;	NOT DELIVERED
354	Establish Crisis Centers in all districts of the State to help women affected by domestic violence. Free Legal and Medical aid will be provided at one point to all such women; and	NOT DELIVERED
355	The State Commission for Women will be strengthened and made more broad based;	NOT DELIVERED
Agenda for Green Punjab		
356	Huge awareness campaign to be launched. The Congress Government will initiate widespread awareness campaign on environmental degradation of all kind;	NOT DELIVERED
357	The Congress Government will establish State agency for all issues related to environment and natural resources. The commission will be empowered to act as per the needs of the environment and to protect the environmental rights of the people of Punjab to get clean air, pure water, safe and nutritious food and prevention and treatment of environment related diseases. The fundamental right – “Right to Life” has no meaning without ensuring above said rights;	NOT DELIVERED
358	Improving Tree Cover: Forest and Tree Cover in Punjab is the lowest in the country. A Large-scale state-wide Tree Plantation and Afforestation program will be taken up with massive citizen participation (and by using MGNREGS and other schemes), with a target of increasing the Forest & Tree cover to 15%. Eucalyptus plantations, which are affecting state's biodiversity, will be substituted with bio-diverse plantations. This will transform the ecology of the state in a big way – with massive improvements in air quality, ground water levels, temperatures and rainfall;	NOT DELIVERED
359	Adoption of a watershed approach in planning and management of water resources: The Congress Government will adapt watershed approach to use and conserve water in different ways with due regard to its natural flow at the smallest level, in our streams, rivulets and rivers;	NOT DELIVERED
360	Making rain water harvesting mandatory: The rain water harvesting will be made mandatory in the whole of Punjab. This programme will cover rural and urban areas. Farmers will be encouraged and incentivized to make farm ponds in their farms;	NOT DELIVERED
361	Reviving water bodies: Thousands of water bodies, ponds and wetlands of Punjab have disappeared over the past decades due to large scale encroachments, destruction of catchments areas, mindless construction of water channels and other reasons, thus ruining the entire water ecology of the state and damaging its biodiversity. This has also caused steep fall in ground water recharging rate. There is an urgent need to evolve a strategy to revive ponds, reservoirs and wetlands. The Congress Government will pursue this as a time bound-agenda of the State;	NOT DELIVERED
362	Making Pollution Control Board accountable: Industrial toxic waste being disposed of into water bodies, rivers, canals, seasonal drains,	NOT DELIVERED

	sewers and even in the groundwater through pits, wells and tube wells etc. is a major cause for concern. The Pollution Control Board will be made to discharge its duty with full accountability and this will be addressed with community participation and education;	
363	A project will be launched for cleansing of river waters in Punjab. A committee comprising social reformers and environmentalists of proven caliber and credentials will spearhead the project. The work of this project will commence with the cleansing of Sutlej and Beas rivers;	NOT DELIVERED
364	Rice straw bailing and Zero till machine (10,000) will be given at a subsidy of 75%.	NOT DELIVERED
Freedom Fighters		
365	To honor Freedom fighters, the pride of the State, in their respective districts on the Independence Day on 15th August and on the Republic Day on 26th January;	NOT DELIVERED
366	To provide One house to every freedom fighters at the village or town where he resides ordinarily;	NOT DELIVERED
367	To provide 300 units of Electricity free of cost every month;	NOT DELIVERED
368	To provide One out of turn tube well connection for the family of a Freedom fighter; and	NOT DELIVERED
Lawyers		
379	Provide Chambers to all practicing lawyers (within Five years) at reasonable lease rent and until then sufficient Hall space (for seating of those who don't have chamber) shall be constructed at every district and sub divisional level. This is specifically for the benefit of those young law graduates who start the profession but have to pay huge premium buying chamber space. The lawyers will be required to pay nominal user charges towards maintenance cost of chambers so constructed;	NOT DELIVERED
380	Initiate a Cashless Medical & Accident Insurance Scheme for all advocates funded in equal part, by GOP and the advocate concerned; and	NOT DELIVERED
381	A young Advocate who start practice will be given a stipend of Rs. 2500/- PM for the first two years.	NOT DELIVERED
Lamberdars		
382	An exclusive chamber for the use of Lamberdars in every District and Sub Divisional Complex; and	NOT DELIVERED
383	Provide an Honorarium of Rs. 2500/- PM to every Lamberdar.	NOT DELIVERED
Chowkidars		
384	Increase remuneration of Chowkidars to Rs 2000 per month.	NOT DELIVERED
Fair Price Shops / Ration Depot Holders		
385	The Congress Government will review the existing scheme of allocation of licenses and rations for the Fair Price Shops under the Public Distribution System, ensuring that the licensees get fair remuneration for livelihood and are not required to indulge in malpractices in managing their shops/business, ensuring that the rations reach the targeted groups.	NOT DELIVERED
Aided School Teachers		

386	Review the Scheme of Financial Aid to Private Schools and Colleges to ensure that these schools get adequate number of quality teachers; and	NOT DELIVERED
387	Consider grant of allowances and other pending benefits per Government	NOT DELIVERED
Media		
388	Set up a Press Accreditation Committee including representatives of the registered journalist unions/ associations with an over 10- years standing;	NOT DELIVERED
389	Allot land for group housing to the recognized associations/unions of the media-persons;	NOT DELIVERED
390	Allow free travel to all journalists and desk personnel;	NOT DELIVERED
391	Review the existing rules for allotment of government accommodation to journalists to ensure provision of a fair quota for them.	NOT DELIVERED
Employees		
392	Ensure expeditious payment of the pending DA and other dues of employees;	NOT DELIVERED
393	Expedite finalization and implementation of the report of 6th Punjab Pay Commission after hearing all representative employees' associations/organization;	NOT DELIVERED
394	Ensure payment of full salary on recruitment to the government service as per rules;	NOT DELIVERED
395	Not allow recruiting contractual staff against regular sanctioned posts;	NOT DELIVERED
396	Regularize all adhoc and contractual employees recruited through transparent systems and procedures;	NOT DELIVERED
397	Ensure regular annual recruitment of critical core employees against the sanctioned posts; and	NOT DELIVERED
398	Discourage transfers unless these are warranted because of any disciplinary actions/proceedings or hardship of employees.	NOT DELIVERED

OBSERVATIONS

The promises enumerated above reflect the woeful state of Congress government's seriousness towards fulfilling their commitments. Progress in none of the manifesto's 49 sectors is satisfactory.

The Congress government remains in its imaginary world where solutions to most complex problems are contrived and simple. For instance, Amarinder Singh promised to 'Do away with drugs in 4 weeks only'. This claim reflects the arrogance of the Congress government and poor understanding of issues that face Punjab State. Cosmetic efforts were painted as massive crackdowns on drug cartels. In fact, the situation became so laughable that the Punjab Home department in its legal opinion declared that the Confiscation of Drug Dealers Property Act, which the Congress promised to be enacted within 30 days of its forming the government, didn't even need enactment because it had the same purpose and object as chapter V-A of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance (NDPC) Act, 1985.

The government's eyewash exercises failed miserably because of the government's eagerness to find simple fixes to vexing policy issues. Punjab is among the top five states in terms of highest prevalence of alcohol use, opioid use disorder, cocaine users, risky injecting practices, higher-than-national prevalence of cannabis use, largest population of people using sedatives, among others. To make matters worse, in their mechanical dealing with social issues, they failed to inculcate compassion for the patients at the District De-addiction Centres, various reports revealing the lack of empathy for the inmates and the absence of trained staff resulting in grave human rights abuses.

Farmers are worst hit by the policies of this government. Farm loan waiver was a big-ticket promise made by the Chief Minister himself on several occasions. However, not even a fraction of the farmers in the state have benefitted by the initiative. While the estimated total debt of the State's farmers is over ₹1 lakh crores, not even 5% of the debt is waived off. Small and marginal farmers have seen the ire of this government as most of them are credited by "Arhtiyas" for farming, while this has been summarily excluded by the government in their already gutted loan waiver scheme. One member of every household owning less than 5 acres of land has been promised to give gainful employment. However, it remains a non-starter. The infamous farmer suicides continue unabated as little succour is offered for their financial distress, nor are their families taken care of.

Youth has been dealt a bad hand as all the promises that were dangled to the rising and eager youth remain as they were on the first day of this government. While 'compulsory employment' promise in industry is nowhere to be seen, even the regular vacancies in the government haven't been filled denying the youth a bright future. Employment bureaus at district level have been created but no trained staff has been recruited in these facilities, inefficient functioning being the consequence.

Women were also denied the largesse of this government. The promised reservation in jobs, including contractual appointments has been denied to them. More importantly, free education from KG-to-PG has been comfortably forgotten. Widows have been made to suffer by denying them skill development and other employment opportunities.

None of the promises made in the crucial health sector has been fulfilled after years of misrule. This makes the State extremely vulnerable to negative development as health forms the basis of

many social indicators that make population productive and prosperous. The State is infamous for its people's trust in public health infrastructure, at 27.1% in comparison to the national average of 44.9%.

On the industry front, the Amarinder government misled the business community. As basic an input as electricity was made a huge problem for the industry. While the power tariff has been reduced to the promised ₹5 per unit, the effective expense that is incurred to the industry comes to around ₹8/- exposing the insincerity of the government. The budget allocation for the current year is just 10% of what was promised reflecting the seriousness of the administration in promoting business in the State.

Many regulatory simplifications were promised like elimination of the NOC for industries set up under municipal limits, CLU removal for new electricity connections, etc resulting in a poor performance in the Ease of Doing Business rankings which fell from 16th in 2015 to 20th rank in 2018, quite contrary to the meteoric rise of India in the corresponding global rankings which rose from 142^{ns} rank to 77th. Many promises made regarding the industrial zones, focal points remain empty promises. Inconsistent and piecemeal subsidies have been implemented in the State that resulted in confusion and repatriation of potential investments. Border areas have been promised much development and defining border areas by widening the distance from the international border to cover more population. However, no such initiative was taken by the government and those areas continue to fall behind in most developmental indicators.

Punjab is one of the very few States with a unique resource to fall back on for developmental purposes: NRI population. The NRIs of Punjab are one of the most successful demography of our nation and we are proud of their achievements. The Congress government in Punjab showed empty dreams to the people of the State in promising to engage with the overseas people from Punjab and make them valuable stakeholders in the growth of the State, However, in the flagship scheme of the government, one single NRI person enrolled on the portal in six months. This despite a personal appeal by the Chief Minister himself.

On social security, Congress betrayed the people of Punjab failing to increase the pension of the disabled, widows and old-age persons as promised. Free education to the divyangjan is cruelly forgotten. No facilities or infrastructure to this section even appear as priorities for the current administration.

When it comes to the much-hyped 'Curbing the VIP Culture' in Punjab, it became difficult for the Congress government to bring its hypocrisy to an end. Mr. Amarinder Singh calls for a lean government devoid of hype and glitter, while he buys hundreds of luxury cars for himself and his colleagues. In fact, the two-year ban on official foreign travel on state government expense is gathering dust as the State's ministers walk on the red carpets at Davos and elsewhere.

Providing quality education is no doubt a fundamental requirement as it would have immense socio-economic benefit for the state. The Congress government failed miserably in spending the promised 6% of State's GDP on promotion and development of education.

Comprehensive Digital Education Programme promised by the Congress government has registered no tangible progress. At the same time, the central government has been promoting digitalisation of schools across the country and providing access to education through online initiatives such as e-pathshala, National Repository Of Open Educational Resources (NROER) 'Study Webs Of Active Learning For Young Aspiring Minds' (SWAYAM), Swayam Prabha,

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), Global Initiative Of Academic Networks (GIAN), and many more.

The central government initiatives have been a beacon of light for Punjab. For instance, under the central government scheme - 'Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan', the Union government is helping Punjab to turn 2,800 government-run primary and secondary schools in the state into smart schools.

The Congress government misled the teachers on the pretext of regularising the contractual teachers and further delaying their salary for months together. Further their grievances were not addressed and such acts of betrayal lead to teachers protesting for their rights against the government. The promise that each district will have at least two senior Secondary Girls' Schools with the proper hostels has registered no tangible presence which had to begin within 100 days of assuming office. Due to inadequate infrastructure in schools, delay in providing free books and uniforms has impeded the academic growth of students.

The congress party's soft approach towards corruption is evident in the fact that the Lok Pal Bill is still in limbo, third party audit of all government expenditures has been a non-starter and laying property details of all legislators and bureaucrats and the police officers in the Vidhan Sabha has not been carried out on regular basis.

Though the Comprehensive policy on Promotion and Development of Tourism has been constituted, it fails to ensure greater thrust on development of Heritage, Eco and Farm Tourism, and completely ignored the required trickling down of benefits to the youth in terms of jobs, deprived of fiscal incentives at par with the Industry, establish professional Tourist Police has not seen the light of the day.

These are the most important sectors in which Punjab government miserably failed to deliver. As is expected, there are many more areas that have performed equally bad or worse, halting the development of State.

Conclusions

- 91% of the promises have not been delivered. Congress failed in 398 promises out of the total 438 promises made to the people. The rest i.e. 40 promises or a woeful 9% of the total manifesto is either in the process or delivered.
- No promise is delivered in 22 Sectors that were mentioned in the manifesto.
- The big-ticket promise of farm loan waiver is a failure as not even a fraction of the farmers in the state were benefitted. While the estimated total debt of the State's farmers is over ₹1 lakh crores, not even 5% of the debt is waived off.
- The Congress government's major poll promise of 'War on Drugs' is a bundle of lies. Rather than working on the ground to stymie the drug menace, the government was busy in whipping up the empty rhetoric like wiping out drug trade within a month.
- Punjab is among the top five states in terms of highest prevalence of alcohol use, opioid use disorder, cocaine users, risky injecting practices, higher-than-national prevalence of cannabis use, and largest population of people using sedatives, among others.
- The Congress government failed miserably in spending the promised 6% of State's GDP on promotion and development of education.
- Status of public healthcare infrastructure in Punjab is utterly disappointing. For instance, while 44.9% population in India approach public healthcare facilities for their treatment; only 27.1% do so in the state of Punjab.
- In Ease of Doing Business, Punjab fell from 16th rank in 2015 to 20th rank in 2018. The state recorded poor performance in the Ease of Doing Business rankings, quite contrary to the meteoric rise of India in the corresponding global rankings. In the same time, India rose from 142nd rank to 77th rank.
- On social security, Congress betrayed the people of Punjab by failing to increase the pension amount to the deserving disabled, widows and old-age persons, as promised.
- The state's Schedule Caste, which constitutes 32% of the state population, still lags behind in poverty reduction, schooling and access to basic amenities.
- They also misled the teachers on the pretext of regularising the contractual teachers and further delaying their salary for months together.

Nawan Naroan Punjab Layee Captain De Naun Nukte

The following are the nine promises made by the Chief Minister Amarinder Singh personally to the people of Punjab. Unfortunately, not a single one of the said promises has been fulfilled by the Congress government in the State.

- ***Punjab Da Paani, Punjab Vaaste (Punjab's water is for its people only)***

NOT DELIVERED. On the contrary, he misled the government by promising issues that are completely out of the State government's purview.

- ***Drug supply, Distribution and Consumption Char Hafte (four weeks) vich khatam (Done with Drugs in Four weeks only)***

NOT DELIVERED. A lot of noise was made around the efforts taken by the government on this front. However, the results are for everyone to see: the drug cartels are as powerful as ever

and millions of people are falling victim to this evil. The government, on the other hand, is turning a blind eye to the issue.

- ***Ghar Ghar Rozgar (A Job for Every Household)***

NOT DELIVERED. Let alone every household, the Congress government in place cannot even fill the vacant posts lying in its own government for months, denying thousands of youth a valuable opportunities.

- ***Kissana Layee Aarthik te Samajik Surkhsha: Waiver of Agricultural Debt***

NOT DELIVERED. Just a fraction of the 17.65 farming families have been benefitted by the scheme. While the estimated total debt of the State's farmers is over ₹1 lakh crores, not even 5% of the debt is waived off.

- ***Trade, Business and Industry layee Kaarobar di Azadi & Affordable Bijlee, Paani te Safai Surkhshaa (Full freedom for trade business, and industry with affordable electricity, water and sewerage)***

NOT DELIVERED. In the name of affordable electricity, industries are still paying one among the highest power tariffs in the region with high auxillary and surcharges.

- ***Women Empowerment: 33% reservation for women in jobs and educational institutions***

NOT DELIVERED. Women are completely ignored by the Congress government. No free education nor quota for them in jobs.

- ***Free Housing for all houseless Scs***

NOT DELIVERED

- ***Caring for the OBCs***

NOT DELIVERED

- ***Ex-servicemen as Guardians of Governance (GoG) at Grassroots***

NOT DELIVERED. The scheme has made a mockery of the ex-servicemen honour by giving them cold shoulder when they raise genuine governance problems.

The Congress government in Punjab failed in its totality to deliver on the commitments made to the Punjab people. Further, the snail's pace of work on the promises made in the manifesto makes them far from achievable in this tenure. It can be said that the Congress government in Punjab completely lost the touch with people to whom it should have served.

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