

**June 21, 2024**

**Mr. Bhagwant Singh Mann**

**Hon'ble Chief Minister of Punjab**

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Sector 1, Chandigarh 160001

**Subject: Recognition of Saka Nakodar and Urgent Call for Justice**

**Chief Minister Mann,**

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa!

Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh!!

I am writing to inform you that the State Legislature of California, which is 12,059 km away from Nakodar, Punjab, has recognized the injustice of the 1986 Saka Nakodar and honored the martyrs of the Nakodar Massacre on June 13, 2024 in the state capital building in Sacramento. This recognition highlights the continued international awareness and concern for the unresolved issues surrounding this tragic event.

Your government, which has been in power for more than two years with a promise to deliver justice, still fails to uphold the rule of law to table, discuss, and issue an action taken report on the state-constituted Justice Gurnam Singh Commission of Inquiry Report. The prolonged inaction perpetuates the suffering of the victims' families, who have been tirelessly fighting for truth, justice, accountability, and closure for over 38 years.

I hope that you, Speaker Kultar Singh Sandhwan, and Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema will fulfill your promises and act on the judicial inquiry report. The international acknowledgment from Sacramento underscores the urgency and importance of addressing this matter with the seriousness it deserves.

**Please find below the details of our last correspondence:**

**January 27, 2024**

**Mr. Bhagwant Singh Mann**  
**Hon'ble Chief Minister of Punjab**  
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**Subject: Urgent Action Needed Before the 38th Anniversary of Saka Nakodar**

Chief Minister Mann,

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa!  
Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh!!

As a father who has been entangled in the relentless pursuit of justice since the tragic events of February 4, 1986, I write to you with a heart weighed down by the agony of an enduring struggle. Approaching the 38th anniversary of the Saka Nakodar, a dark chapter etched into Punjab's history, I find myself compelled to reach out once again, seeking your intervention for the sake of truth and closure.

Over the years, our appeals to your office have echoed the poignant need for justice and solace for the victims and their families. The letters dated 25 September 2022, 8 January 2023, 24 February 2023, and 10 December 2023 have meticulously detailed the harrowing experiences and the unwavering fight for truth and accountability.

As we stand on the precipice of commemorating the 38th anniversary of the Saka Nakodar, the persistent denial of justice to the victims' families casts a long and somber shadow. The pain and anguish etched into the lives of those affected endure, magnified by the prolonged delay in addressing their grievances.

The correspondence sent to your office has laid bare the extrajudicial killings of Ravinder Singh, Harminder Singh, Baldev Singh, and Jhilman Singh, exposing the shocking absence of accountability for these grave violations of human rights. Despite assurances and promises, the wheels of justice have turned agonizingly slow, if at all, leaving the wounds of the past unhealed.

I implore you, as the Chief Minister of Punjab, to lend this matter the urgency and gravity it warrants. The families of the victims have endured an excruciating wait for truth, justice, and closure. It is imperative that your government takes immediate and decisive steps to address their concerns, ensuring that those responsible for the Saka Nakodar incident are held accountable for their actions.

**Specifically, I urge you to:**

Immediately initiate a high-level independent inquiry into the Saka Nakodar incident of 1986, ensuring transparency, integrity, and swiftness in the investigation process.

Form a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the disappearance of Part II of Justice Gurnam Singh's Commission of Inquiry Report and expedite the investigation into the perpetrators of the atrocity.

Table and discuss the Justice Gurnam Singh Commission of Inquiry Report, along with the Action Taken Report, in the Punjab State Assembly, making the findings public to ensure accountability.

Take proactive measures to ensure that such atrocities are never repeated in Punjab, reaffirming the commitment to upholding human rights and the rule of law.

As we approach another painful milestone in the quest for justice, I urge you to demonstrate the leadership and compassion necessary to address the grievances of the affected families. Let the 38th anniversary of the Saka Nakodar serve as a catalyst for meaningful action and a renewed commitment to truth, justice, and reconciliation.

With sincere hope and anticipation,

*Baldev Singh*

(Father of Shaheed Bhai Ravinder Singh Littran)

Additionally, please find attached the text of House Resolution 93, which was passed by the California State Legislature in recognition of the Saka Nakodar.

**The recognition by the California Legislature is a significant step towards global awareness and support for justice. It is now imperative that your government follows through on its commitments to address this long-standing issue.**

Sincerely,

*Baldev Singh*

(Father of Shaheed Bhai Ravinder Singh Littran)