

HARYANA BUDGET SESSION -DAY 5

Report by IPS officers who visited Israel in 2018 cannot be shared, contents 'confidential, sensitive', says Vij

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A DELEGATION of IPS officers from Haryana had visited Israel in 2018 but the report they submitted cannot be shared as its contents are "sensitive to a public security perspective", state Home Minister Anil Vij informed the Vidhan Sabha Monday.

Vij was replying to a question by Congress MLA (Faridabad NIT) Neeraj Sharma who had sought details on whether a delegation of IPS officers had visited Israel in the year 2018; and if so, "provide the copy of the report prepared by the officers in regard".

In reply, Vij said, "A report was submitted. The report deals with potential measures to improve the efficacy of law and order, crime, security and intelligence functions of Haryana Police and to explore the availability of Israel's technology that could be introduced in Haryana to further improve the security and law and order scenario of the state".

Vij, however, refused to provide a copy of the report in the House. "A copy of the report submitted by the officers cannot be provided as its contents are sensitive from a public security perspective and hence are confidential in nature," the Home Minister said. Replying to another question, development and panchayats minister Devender Singh Babli informed the House that "under the Mukhya Mantri Kisan Khet Khalihan Sadak Yojana, farm roads up to 25 kilometers are paved on the recommendation of each MLA".

He said 23 works were recommended in the office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zila Parishad, Sonapat, out of which 13 were not covered in the scheme. For the remaining, estimates are being prepared. "Apart from this, with the recommendation of the Gohana MLA, a proposal for 25 works was received and is under examination in the office of Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj, Sonapat," he said.

In reply to another question, Babli informed the House that the government has increased number of posts of Safai Karmis from 11,254 to 18,580. "Honorarium for sanitation workers has been increased to Rs 15,000, as announced by the Chief Minister. Additionally, a uniform allowance of Rs 4,000 and uniform cleaning allowance of Rs 1000 have been provided," Babli informed.

Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala informed that the government was soon going to create additional entry-exits points on NH-44 (Ambala-Delhi national highway stretch) in Panipat. "Roads on elevated highways have been constructed, and entry and exit points will be made on the roads leading to Assandh, Safidon, and Shamli. A letter has been written to the central government for permission".

In response to another question, Environment Minister Kanwar Pal said that 62 Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) have been installed and working upstream Okhla Barrage to reduce the pollution load in river Yamuna and consequently in Gurugram canal. FULL REPORT ON [www.indianexpress.com](http://www.indianexpress.com)



Faridabad MLA Neeraj Sharma protests the murder of ex-MLA Nafe Singh at the Haryana Assembly in Chandigarh, Monday.

Assembly passes Bill to ban opening, running hookah bars

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THE HARYANA Assembly Monday passed a bill that prohibits opening or running hookah bars or serving hookah to customers in any place, including eating houses, in the state.

The Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Haryana Amendment Bill, 2024, was passed in the evening.

Home Minister Anil Vij had moved the bill in the House.

According to the bill, after Section 4 of the principal Act (central law) -- The Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution), Act, 2003, -- "The following section shall be inserted: '4-A. Prohibition of hookah bar -- Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act,

no person shall either on his own or on behalf of any other person, open or run any hookah bar or serve hookah to a customer in any place, including an eating house." The bill has defined "eating house" as "any place where food or refreshment of any kind is provided or sold to visitors for consumption".

After Section 21 of the principal Act, Section 21-A shall be inserted, according to the bill.

The provision deals with punishment for running a hookah bar. "Whoever contravenes the provisions of Section 4-A shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than one year but which may extend to three years and with fine which shall not be less than Rs 1 lakh but which may extend to Rs 5 lakh," it states.

During discussions on the bill, Congress MLA Varun Chaudhary referred to a provision in the amendment. He said a "hookah bar" has been defined as any commercial establishment where people gather to smoke tobacco from a hookah or

narghile, which is provided individually as a commercial service but does not include a traditional hookah.

"Under this, it mentions that traditional hookah is not included in this. But what traditional hookah actually is that has not been defined in the bill. What will happen is that to bypass things, (violators) will put harmful and prohibited substances in that (traditional) hookah. Thus, it will defeat the very purpose for which this bill is being brought," he said.

The Congress' BB Batra also sought that "traditional hookah" be defined.

Vij said it has been mentioned that "hookah bar" means any commercial establishment where people gather to smoke and it is not for those who smoke traditional hookah at home.

Chaudhary also asked how the law will apply if anyone puts that "traditional hookah" in a commercial place and inserts prohibited substances into it.

Vij asserted that the bill specifically talks about comm-

cial establishments and the Congress leader expressed satisfaction with the minister's clarification.

The bill was later passed. According to the bill's statement of objects and reasons, the state government has taken serious note of hookah bars serving hookah narghile with tobacco containing nicotine in various districts. Various flavours/herbs are also served by such hookah bars. Several times, even banned drugs are served in the hookah bars under the guise of flavours/herbs.

"Such hookah involves a water pipe system and flavoured constituent 'shisha', heated with charcoal. Due to the misconception of less or no risk associated with it and availability of multiple flavours and less harshness of smoke its usage has increased significantly," it states.

"However, smoke of such flavoured hookah contains various toxicants, which are not only harmful for the person smoking but also those nearby due to passive smoking," it further mentions.

Bill to set up independent body for organising Gita Mahotsav cleared

Chandigarh: The Haryana Assembly passed a bill on Monday to set up an independent authority/body in the state to organise the Gita Jayanti Mahotsav and for popularising and disseminating teachings of the Bhagavad Gita.

According to the Haryana Antarrashtriya Gita Jayanti Mela Authority Bill, 2024, "A large number of devotees and people at large, both from the country and abroad, enthusiastically involve themselves with the local

people during the period of Mahotsav. Currently, there is no independent authority/body in the state to organise the Gita Jayanti Mahotsav."

"The state government has felt the necessity for the establishment and constitution of a statutory authority in the state for management, regulation and organising the Antarrashtriya (international) Gita Mahotsav in a proper and cogent manner as well as to provide better facilities to the pilgrims and visitors dur-

ing the Mahotsav period," it said.

According to the bill, the main functions of the authority will be to popularise and disseminate the teachings of Srimad Bhagavad Gita as well as organise cultural and educational seminars, workshops, fairs, exhibitions and conferences. Further, it will provide all the essential facilities to the devotees or pilgrims.

Urban Local Bodies Minister Kamal Gupta moved the bill in the Assembly. According to the

bill, the authority shall consist of members, including the chief minister as its chairperson and the urban local bodies minister as the senior vice-chairperson. There will be one vice chairperson, who will be an eminent and distinguished person, to be nominated by the state government.

BB Batra of the Congress suggested that the Speaker and the Leader of Opposition should be made members of the authority while some MLAs should also be

nominated to it.

Geeta Bhukkal of the Congress said that Gita Jayanti festival has been celebrated over the years and the Kurukshetra Development Board has been organising the event. "I want to know what is the need to have a new authority when KDB is already there," she said.

Minister Kamal Gupta told the Congress member that since 2016, several programmes, including the main annual event at Kurukshetra, are being held

"KDB will function as before. But a new authority will specifically take care of how to expand this festival further on global scale and take the message of Bhagavad Gita to the entire world," he said.

Chief Minister M L Khattar gave examples of separate authorities having been formed to take care of events on a grand scale like Faridabad's annual Surajkund Mela. Khattar also said that KDB has its role and that will continue as before. ENS

Cong MLAs object to some phrases in Dead Body Bill, Vij withdraws it for a day

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A BILL that has a provision for punishing those who use a dead body for protests was withdrawn for a day from the Vidhan Sabha Monday after some members of the House objected to some phrases in it. Home Minister Anil Vij said he is withdrawing the Haryana Honourable Disposal of Dead Body Bill, 2024, which was introduced last week during the ongoing budget session and was taken up for discussion on Monday.

Referring to Section 6 (1) of the Bill, Congress member B B Batra objected to the phrase "personal knowledge" used in it.

The section reads, "Whenever, an officer in-charge of the police station has reason to believe from personal knowledge or otherwise, to be recorded in writing, that any dead body is likely to be used by any family member or a group of persons or is being so used, for remonstrance, he shall take possession of the dead body and immediately send information to this effect to the district superintendent of police and the executive magistrate concerned."

Batra asked: "What is 'personal knowledge' of an investigating officer? Government should give one chance for appeal and the wording 'personal knowledge...' should be deleted".

Another Congress member, Varun Chaudhary, said: "Who does not want honourable last rites of the body? But if somewhere a protest is held, that is out of compulsion, as the next of kin of the deceased feel they have not been heard. Otherwise no one wishes to delay the last rites of their kin".



Congress leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda at a press conference in Chandigarh on Monday.

bringing this bill. The Rajasthan government has also passed this using similar wordings and it was passed at a time when Congress government ruled the state," Khattar said.

Congress' Jagbir Malik referred to provisions of the bill and also mentioned INLD state unit president Nafe Singh Rathee's murder in Bahadurgarh. Malik asked if a family could not even express its resentment and demand the arrest of culprits.

Vij said that it is an important bill as some people hold protests with bodies for many days. There are many other ways to hold protests in a democratic set up and this is why have mentioned remonstrance instead of demonstration in the bill, he said. However, as some members have suggested change in some words, I will withdraw the bill till tomorrow, he said.

The Haryana Cabinet had last month approved the draft bill which seeks to prohibit any protest with the body of a dead person. The Haryana Honourable Disposal of Dead Body Bill-2024 seeks to ensure "the dignity of the dead."

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