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Dated 5-4-07

From

The Public Information Officer-cum-  
Additional Director and Information and Public Relations  
Department Punjab, Chandigarh.

To

Sh. Satya Pal Dang, Ex-M.L.A,  
Ekta Bhawan, G.T. Road,  
Chheharata, District Amritsar  
Pin- 143105.

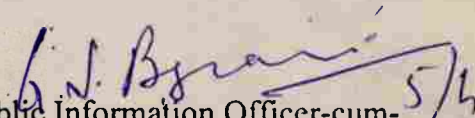
Sub:

Detail of amount spend on various Advertisements published in  
Print Media & Electronics Media from 2002-03 to 28.2.2007

Respected Sir,

Reference to the information sought by your good self on the subject  
cited above, the reply of the Department is given para wise as under :-

- 1 ✓ The Department of Information and Public Relations Punjab has spent an amount of Rs.13,34,82,602/- on advertisements in Print Media and Electronic Media from Financial year 2002-03 to 28.3.2007.
- 2 ✓ The Department of Information and Public Relations Punjab has issued advertisements on the birthday of religious dignitaries of various religions i.e. Hindus, Sikhs, Christians and Mohammedans at worth Rs. 54,99,164.00 from the financial year 2002-03 to 28.3.07 is attached herewith.

  
Public Information Officer-cum-  
Additional Director and Information and Public  
Relations Department Punjab Chandigarh..

**EXPENDITURE ON VARIOUS RELIGIOUS ADVERTISEMENTS**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of Function</b>	<b>2002-03</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2006-07</b>	<b>G. Total</b>
1	Anniversary of Dr.B.R Ambedkar	-	59552/-	123127/-	-	692532/-	875211/-
2	Birthday of Bhagat Kabir ji	41207/-	124623/-	141550/-	97785/-	197013/-	602178/-
3	Birthday of Bhagwan Valmik ji	87639/-	90562/-	117843/-	114230/-	249390/-	659664/-
4	Birthday of Baba Vishwa Karma ji	-	120079/-	-	210347/-	182424/-	512850/-
5	Birthday of Baba Namdev Ji	-	38733/-	83085/-	-	-	121818
6	Birthday of Satguru Ram Singh ji	32473/-	87821/-	-	-	-	120294
7	Birthday of Bhagat Ravi Das ji	67836/-	73913/-	188429/-	356627/-	152789/-	839594/-
8	Baba Bairagi Banda Singh Bahadur	-	-	36478/-	-	-	36478/-
9	200 Year Tera Panth Anuma Jain Muni Birthday	-	-	45744/-	-	-	45744/-
10	Birthday of Sri Guru Gobind Singh ji.	-	-	61892/-	-	-	61892/-
11	66 Sikh Kuka Shaheed	-	-	97512/-	107701/-	-	205213/-
12	Guru Gaddi Diwas	-	-	-	326209/-	-	326209/-
13	Baba Sheikh Farid ji	-	-	-	163310/-	99611/-	262921/-
14	Sone di Pallki-Kirtan Darbar-	-	-	-	779344/-	-	779344/-
15	Christmas Day-Message	-	-	-	-	49754/-	49754/-
<b>G. Total:</b>							<b>54,99,164/-</b>

A copy of letter received from Sh. Satya Pal Dang, Amritsar asking for some information under Right to Information Act, 2005 was sent to JD(Advt.) on 9/3/07. The reply is still awaited. Please send the same so that the information can be conveyed to the applicant within the specific period.

Office of ADPR Punjab,  
Diary No. PA/ADPR 916/  
Dated 21/3/07

JD(Advt.)

*G. S. Bani*  
A.D.P.R. 21/3

21.3.07

*Urgent  
Today itself*

*Sh. S. Bani  
21/3*

~~ADPR~~  
ADPR

*303 ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ*

*22/3*

*21/3*

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ  
ਆਮ ਰਾਜ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧ ਵਿਭਾਗ  
(ਸਕੱਤਰੇਤ ਅਮਲਾ-5 ਸਾਖਾ)

ਵਿਸ਼ਾ:- Right to Information Act 2005 ਅਧੀਨ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਸਪਲਾਈ ਕਰਨ ਬਾਰੇ-

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ਵਧੀਕ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ (ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਤੇ ਲੋਕ ਸੰਪਰਕ)-ਕਮ-ਪਬਲਿਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਫਸਰ, ਦਫਤਰ ਸਕੱਤਰ, ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਤੇ ਲੋਕ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਵਿਭਾਗ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਵੱਲ ਧਿਆਨ ਦੇਣ ਦੀ ਖੋਚਲ ਕਰਨ।

2. ਸ੍ਰੀ ਸਤਪਾਲ ਭਾਂਗ, ਸਾਬਕਾ ਐਮ.ਐਲ.ਏ., ਏਕਤਾ ਭਵਨ, ਛੇਹਰਟਾ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਤੀ-ਬੇਨਤੀ ਮਿਤੀ 02.03.2007 ਜੋ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਮਿਤੀ 07.03.2007 ਨੂੰ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਈ ਹੈ, ਮੂਲ ਰੂਪ ਵਿਚ ਸਮੇਤ ਅਨੁਲੰਗ ਅਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਾਰਥੀ ਵਲੋਂ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਭੇਜਿਆ 10/- ਰੁਪਏ ਦਾ ਪੋਸਟਲ ਆਰਡਰ ਬਿਨੈਕਾਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਉਸਨੂੰ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਐਕਟ/ ਰੂਲਜ਼ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਨਿਰਧਾਰਿਤ ਸਮੇਂ ਵਿਚ ਸਪਲਾਈ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਭੇਜੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ।

No-30807/76  
9-3-07

Office of ADIPR Punjab,  
Dian No. PA/ADIPR 920  
Dated 9/3/07

ਪਬਲਿਕ ਇਨਫਰਮੇਸ਼ਨ ਅਫਸਰ-ਕਮ  
-ਵਧੀਕ ਸਕੱਤਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ  
ਸਕੱਤਰੇਤ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਸਨ  
08/03/07

ਸੇਵਾ ਵਿਖੇ

✓ ਵਧੀਕ ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ (ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਤੇ ਲੋਕ ਸੰਪਰਕ),  
ਕਮ- ਪਬਲਿਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਫਸਰ,  
ਦਫਤਰ ਸਕੱਤਰ, ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਤੇ ਲੋਕ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਵਿਭਾਗ, ਪੰਜਾਬ,  
ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ;

ਐ:ਵਿ:ਪੰ:ਨੰ: 1/11/2007-1ਅ5/ 4647  
ਪਿ:ਐ:ਨੰ: 1/11/2007-1ਅ5/

ਮਿਤੀ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ: 9/3/07  
ਮਿਤੀ, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ:

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਦਾ ਇੱਕ ਉਤਾਰਾ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਤੇ ਲੋੜੀਂਦੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਹਿੱਤ ਭੇਜਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ:-

Pl supply the information within time. Lehi

ਡਿਪਟੀ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ, ਦਫਤਰ ਸਟੇਟ ਇਨਫਰਮੇਸ਼ਨ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਐਸ.ਸੀ.ਓ. ਨੰ: 84-85, ਸੈਕਟਰ-17, ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਨੂੰ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਡਾਇਰੀ ਨੰ: 1849 ਮਿਤੀ 06.03.2007 ਦੇ ਹਵਾਲੇ ਵਿਚ ਭੇਜਕੇ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਕੇਸ ਦਾ ਸਕੱਤਰੇਤ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਸਨ ਨਾਲ ਕੋਈ ਸਬੰਧ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ ਸਗੋਂ ਇਹ ਸਕੱਤਰ, ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਤੇ ਲੋਕ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਵਿਭਾਗ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਨਾਲ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਭਵਿੱਖ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਸ ਕੇਸ ਬਾਰੇ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਵਿਭਾਗ (ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਤੇ ਲੋਕ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਵਿਭਾਗ) ਨਾਲ ਹੀ ਪੱਤਰ ਵਿਹਾਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ।

JD Adv. Jangra  
Advt. 9/3  
323 Binn Binn 2007  
13/3/07

ਸ੍ਰੀ ਸਤਪਾਲ ਭਾਂਗ, ਸਾਬਕਾ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਐਮ.ਐਲ.ਏ., ਏਕਤਾ ਭਵਨ, ਛੇਹਰਟਾ-143105, ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ; ਬੇਨਤੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਤੁਹਾਡੀ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਬੇਨਤੀ ਮਿਤੀ 2.3.2007 ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਤੇ ਲੋਕ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਨੂੰ ਬਣਦੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਹਿੱਤ ਭੇਜੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਭਵਿੱਖ ਵਿਚ ਪੱਤਰ ਵਿਹਾਰ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਨਾਲ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ ਜੀ।

- ਸ਼੍ਰੀ -  
ਸੁਪਰਡੈਂਟ

Date Bound

By speed post

Mis-sent. It relates to Court of Pb. through Chief Secretary for information sought has been sought  
6/3/07

06/03  
DR 5-307

The Public Information Officer for Punjab State <sup>sec</sup>  
(Under Rights of Information Act, 2005)  
Through  
The Chief Secretary,  
Government of Punjab,  
Chandigarh.

Secy. P. red. act. J. 2007

OR

Sub: Application for seeking information Under the Rights of Information Act, 2005.

Public Information offer  
SCO-8485 Sec 17 (M)

1. Full name of the applicant. Satya Pal Dang.

2. Father's name. Shri Gian Chand.

3. Permanent address. Ex-MLA, Punjab, C/o Ekta Bhawan, Chheharta-143105 District (Amritsar) 143105

4. Particulars in respect of the identity of the applicant of the application. The applicant is Ex. MLA Punjab and his office is in Ekta Bhawan, Chheharta 143105 (District Amritsar). He also was a Minister in United Front Government which was headed by Hon'ble Justice Gurnam Singh (Retd) who was Chief Minister of Punjab after the elections held in the year 1967.

5. Particulars of the information solicited.

(a) Subject matter of information.

Total amount spent by the Punjab State on various advertisements published in the Print media and separately telecast at electronic media, yearwise from the financial year which started from 2004-03 upto 28.2.2007.

ਸਬੰਧਤ, ਪੰਜਾਬ  
ਪਿਤਾ...  
ਮਿਤੀ...

P.S.I.C. 1849  
Dairy No. 06-0307  
Dated...

PI01ASSA

ASSA (O.L.)

No. 567 PA/ASSA  
Dated 7/3/07

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(b):

(ii) Total amount spent by the Punjab State on various advertisements for different religions i.e. Hindus, Sikhs, Christians and Mohammadans (separately) published in print media and telecast on electronic media from the financial year 2002-2003 to 28.2.2007.

(b) ~~Response~~ The period to which the information required.

From the financial year 2002-2003 to 28.2.2007.

(c) Subject with detail of information required.

As detailed above in column No.5(a).

(d) Whether the information is required by post or in person. (Both postal charges shall be included in providing information)

By post. Charges would be paid as and when the information is received.

(e) Incase of post ordinary, registered or speed.

By registered post.

(f) Has a self addressed envelop with proper stamps been included.

Yes.

6. Detailed addressed to which information will be sent and in which form,

Sat Pal Dang, Ex.MLA, Punjab  
C/O Ekta Bhawan, Chhahartta-143105  
Distt. Amritsar.

7. Is this information not made available by the public authority under voluntary disclosure.

It has not been made available under the voluntary disclosure by the public authority.

8. Do you agreed to pay required fee.

Yes.

9. Have you deposited the application fee. If yes, detail of said deposit.

Yes. Through a postal Order of Rs. 10/- payable to the Accounts Officer, Punjab Government through Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, Chandigarh.

10. Whether belongs to  
Below Poverty line  
category. If yes,  
furnished the proof  
of the same with the  
application.

Not applicable.

Satyopal Dang

Sd/ Satya Pal Dang

Full Signatures of the  
applicant with address.

Place: Amritsar.

Dated 2/3/2007

C/o Ekta Bhawan,  
~~Chhehartta-14315,~~  
~~Distt (Amritsar)~~  
143105

Annotations  
Also to be kept

Keep

Important  
Annotation of  
Bhagat  
Singh.

Annotation  
noted in  
file



of such people. Instead, it is good that Bhagat Singh is dead and has found 'peace'. I am sad that I cannot get such a great rare chance (*paeru*).

into practice wholeheartedly, without entertaining personal hatred towards individuals or towards communities or towards the people of any other land. We do our work without causing injury to any person, but we are ready to undergo extreme suffering for the cause we espouse. So we need not worry about or afraid of anything.

The issue is whether a man has done his duty or not. The issue is not whether the action has borne fruit. Yet we agree that we should do our duty taking into account the time and place. We are sure that time, place and the general trend are not hostile to the principle upheld by Bhagat Singh. Though it occurs to our mind that he has erred a little in choosing the means to translate his principle into practice, we will never at any time be emboldened to say that his principle is a flawed one. It alone will make peace prevail in this world.

The same philosophy that underlies our endeavour to eradicate untouchability also forms the basis of the efforts to remove poverty. To abolish untouchability we have to abolish the principle of upper and lower castes. In the same manner, to remove poverty we have to do away with the principle of capitalists and wage-earners. So socialism and communism are nothing but getting rid of these concepts and systems. These are the principles Bhagat Singh stood for. It is no wonder that those who consider them just and necessary call for the downfall of Gandhi and Congress. What is very strange is that those who advocate these principles hail Gandhi and Congress.

If Bhagat Singh had come to the firm and sincere conclusion that all his principles were correct, and that the methods he had used were the just ones, then he should have definitely conducted himself only in the way he had done. If he had not so conducted himself, we could not say he was an honest person. So we now say that he is a true man. It is our strong view that only Bhagat Singh's principle is needed to India.

The day when Gandhi said that god alone guides him, that *Varnashrama Dharma* is a superior system fit to govern the affairs of the world, and that everything happens according to god's will, we came to the conclusion that there is no difference between Gandhism and Brahminism. We also concluded that unless the Congress Party that subscribes to such philosophy and principle is abolished, it will not be good to the country. But now this fact has been found out at least by some of the people. They have gained the wisdom and courage to call for the downfall of Gandhism. This is a great victory to our cause. If Bhagat Singh had not died by being hanged, there would not have been any chance for this victory to take place in such a popular manner. We even venture to say that Gandhism would have gained more ground if Bhagat Singh had not been hanged.

As far as we know Bhagat Singh's principle represented socialism and communism. As an evidence to this view, we find the following lines in the letter he wrote to the governor of the province of the Punjab:

"Till Communist Party comes to power and people live without unequal status, our struggle will continue; it cannot be brought to an end by killing us; it will continue openly and secretly."

Bhagat Singh had not fallen sick, suffered and died as it normally happens with people. He gave his life for the noble cause of showing to India, nay to the world, the path of real equality and peace. He has reached a great height, a feat never achieved normally by any one else. We applaud and sing of his martyrdom from the depth of our heart. At the same time, we request those in our government to find out and hang four true persons like Bhagat Singh in each of the provinces. ■

Further, we think that Bhagat Singh had no faith in god and in divine dispensation, but was a man of self-confidence. Holding such views is not a crime under any law. Even if it is considered to be against any law, no one need to be afraid of it because, we are sure, that following those principles (that Bhagat Singh upheld) will not do any harm or cause any loss to the public. If by chance any harm or loss takes place, it will be unintentional. We endeavour to put the principle

PTO

"Set all be happy, let all be free from any diseases let all see auspicious things, and let not <sup>any</sup> body suffer from grief"

"Who bravely dares must sometimes risk a fall"

Thomas George Smollett



## Articles About Bhagat Singh



*"The aim of life is no more to control the mind, but to develop it harmoniously; not to achieve salvation here after, but to make the best use of life here below; and not to realise truth, beauty and good only in*

*contemplation, but also in the actual experience of daily life; social progress depends not upon the ennoblement of the few but on the enrichment of democracy; universal brotherhood can be achieved only when there is an equality of opportunity - of opportunity in the social, political and individual life."*

The following is the editorial Periyar E.V. Ramasami wrote in his Tamil Weekly *Kudi Arasu* dated 29th March 1931. Translation by Aasaan.

The editorial highlights the point that Bhagat Singh's outspoken progressive views and supreme sacrifice have disabused the minds of the people and made them realise the retrograde nature of the ideals and methods of Mahatma Gandhi.]

*Periyar's Editorial dated 29th March 1931:*

There is no one who has not condoled the death of Mr. Bhagat Singh by hanging. There is none who has not condemned the government for hanging him. Besides, we now see several people known as patriots and national heroes scolding Mr. Gandhi for the happening of this event.

While this happens in one place, let us see what the same group of people do in another place. They congratulate Lord Irwin, the Vice-roy. They praise Mr. Gandhi for coming to an agreement with him. They are not only satisfied that the agreement has been reached without laying down the condition of not to hang Bhagat Singh, but also consider the signing of such an agreement as a great victory and celebrate the same. In addition, Mr. Gandhi says that Lord Irwin is a Mahatma (great soul), and has ordered the common people of the country to address the Vice-roy the same way. Lord Irwin publicises Mr. Gandhi among the white people as a great man endowed with

divinity.

The same people who have been hailing Mr. Gandhi as a great leader are now shouting 'down with Gandhi' and 'down with congress'. They show black flags wherever he goes, and disturb the meetings he addresses. These things have become common.

When we witness these things we are at a loss to find out either the opinion of the public or the principle they entertain regarding political affairs. We also doubt if they really adhere to any principle.

Whatever be the position of the public, even when Gandhi started the agitation of Salt Satyagraha, we explained elaborately that it would not only be of no use to the people, but also hostile to the progress of the country and to the liberation of the suffering class.

Even Gandhi has said clearly and openly admitting that the reason for starting the agitation had been to spoil and undo the work done by persons like Bhagat Singh.

To supplement (these things), the real socialists among the neighbours have been proclaiming loudly: "Mr. Gandhi has betrayed the poor. He does these things to eradicate the socialist principles. Down with Gandhi, down with Congress." But our known national heroes and pa

triotis never cared for these reactions. They did not realise the pros and cons of anything. Like those who fall into the well holding the lamp, like those who dash against the rock accepting the challenge, they were blindly and wildly enthusiastic (about the Salt Agitation). They went to prison and returned 'triumphantly'. They accepted the honour connected with it. And now, after finding Bhagat Singh hanged, they also shout, 'Down with Gandhi', 'Down with Congress'. We do not understand what benefit will ensue due to such behaviour.

As far as we are concerned, let us tell the truth : There are idiots and fools in this land. They do not think of the pros and cons of a course of action, but selfishly seek their own honour. Had Bhagat Singh lived long, he would have to suffer every second the agony of witnessing the activities

(Interim)

Reply Received on 12-3-2007

original Reply Rcd on 12-3-2007

Handed over Shri Sandeep 13-3-2007

(According to  
it my letter  
seeking information  
was dated 2/3/07

Final  
Reply Rcd.  
sent to  
Sandeep  
Hindi  
Advt  
Sandeep

The Public Information Officer  
for Punjab State  
(Under Rights of Information Act, 2005)

Through  
The Chief Secretary,  
Government of Punjab,  
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Under the Rights of Information Act, 2005.

1. Full name of the applicant. Satya Pal Dang.

2. Father's name. Sri Gian Chand.

3. Permanent address. Ex-MLA, Punjab,  
C/o B Ekta Bhawan,  
Chhacharhta-143105  
District Amritsar.

4. Particulars in respect of the identity of the applicant of the application. The applicant is Ex-MLA Punjab and his office is in Ekta Bhawan, Chhacharhta 143105, Distt. Amritsar.

He also was a Minister in United Front Government which was headed by Hon'ble Justice Gurnam Singh (Retd) who was Chief Minister of Punjab after the elections held in the year 1967.

5. Particulars of the information solicited.

(a) Subject matter of information.

Total amount spent by the Punjab State on various advertisements published in the Print media and separately telecast at electronic media yearwise

from the financial year which started from 2002-03 upto 28.2.2007.

(b):

- (11) Total amount spend by the Punjab State on various advertisements for different religions i.e. Hindu, Sikha, Christians and Mohamadans (separately) published in print media and telecast on electronic media from the financial year 2002-2003 to 28.2.2007.
- (b) ~~Express~~ The period to which the information required, From the financial year 2002-2003 to 28.2.2007.
- (c) Subject with detail of information required, As detailed above in column No.5(a).
- (d) Whether the information is required by post or in person. (Both postal charges shall be included in providing information) By post. Charges would be paid as and when the information is received.
- (e) In case of post ordinary, registered or speed, By registered post.
- (f) Has a self addressed envelop with proper stamps been included, Yes.
6. Detailed addressed to which information will be sent and in which form, Sat Pal Dan, Ex.NLA, Punjab C/O Ekta Bhawan, Chhehartha-143105 Distt. Amritsar.
7. Is this information not made available by the public authority under voluntary disclosure, It has not been made available under the voluntary disclosure by the public authority.
8. Do you agreed to pay required fee, Yes.
9. Have you deposited the application fee. If yes, detail of said deposit. Yes. Through a postal Order of Rs. 10/- payable to the Accounts Officer, Punjab Government through Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, Chandigarh.

10. Whether belongs to  
Below Poverty line  
category. If yes,  
furnished the proof  
of the same with the  
application.

Not applicable.

Place: Amritsar.

Dated

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Sd/ Satya Pal Dang

Full Signatures of the  
applicant with address.

C/o Ikta Bhawan,  
Chhehartha-143115,  
Distt. Amritsar.

gt seems: 2/3/2007

# SATYAPALONG

## our India

- (1) <sup>06</sup> Reliance Industries Ltd Net profit soars to Rs. 11,943 crore  
The Tribune Page 17 dt ?
- (2) According to a survey recently carried ~~8.6 crore~~ Indians out  
~~have~~ a daily income of 8.6 crore people in India is less  
than Rs. 20/- only (M.P. Guna Das Das Gupta in Lok Sabha  
(Hind Samachar dt. 22-8-07 Page 4)
- (3) <sup>11</sup> 53 per cent students quit schools before 8th class.  
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