

Not on agenda, still CM moves trust vote

Oppn MLAs walk out | House adjourned thrice | Session extended to seven days



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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 27
Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann today moved a confidence motion, saying he was bringing in the trust vote to seek the confidence of the Vidhan Sabha in his council of ministers. The voting on the motion of confidence will be held on Monday, the last day of the session.

AAP had recently claimed that at least 10 of its MLAs were approached by the BJP with an offer of Rs 25 crore each to topple the six-month-old government.

Amid three adjournments preceding the motion, and walkout by two BJP MLAs and 15 Congress legislators, the CM said he was moving the trust vote to show that 2.75 crore Punjabis had confidence in AAP.

“The objective of bringing the trust vote is to expose their (referring to the BJP) designs to bring down my government, as they have tried in other non-BJP-ruled states,” he said, adding AAP MLAs were not for sale.

The BJP MLAs walked out of the House before the motion was moved, in protest against their exclusion from the Business Advisory Committee meeting and the “refusal of the AAP to thank PM for renaming the Chandigarh airport after Shaheed Bhagat Singh”.

Earlier, Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit had withdrawn his assent to allow the Mann government to hold a special session against the “Operation Lotus” on September 22. When the government re-convened the session, the Governor had questioned it on



Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann makes a point in the Vidhan Sabha on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO: VICKY

MANN HITS OUT AT CHANNI

CM Mann hit out at his predecessor Charanjit Channi, who has been missing from the political scene ever since the Congress debacle in the elections. “In his last days as the CM, Channi signed several files in violation of rules. Now, those files are being put before me, and I don’t know what to do with them. You (Congress) can perhaps help me by getting me in touch with him so that a ‘smooth handing over of the government’ can take place,” he said.

BJP EXPOSED

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Bhagwant Mann, CHIEF MINISTER

AAP SLAMS CONG FOR CREATING RUCKUS

Assailing the Congress for creating ruckus in the Assembly called to discuss significant issues related to Punjab, the AAP on Tuesday said the main Opposition party was clearly working as the “B-team” of the BJP.

Addressing the media, Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema, along with ministers Inderbir Singh Nijjar and Harbhajan Singh ETO, said the Congress had no

issue to raise against the government and that’s why it created mayhem in the Assembly even when the government gave it ample time to hold discussions on crucial issues.

He said AAP had foiled the agenda of the BJP to implement ‘Operation Lotus’.

“Now, the Congress is working clandestinely with the BJP to topple the government,” he added. TNS



the legislative business it intended to bring in the session.

The twists and turns in the run-up to the session notwithstanding, Mann’s attack on the BJP was not even half as sharp as his attack on the Congress. While he accused the BJP of rolling out “Operation Lotus” to either buy off or threaten AAP MLAs, he took a potshot at the Congress for being the “B team” of the BJP.

When the CM, who as the leader of the House, got up to speak on the confidence motion, the Congress MLAs opposed it, with Leader of Opposition Partap Singh

Bajwa saying that they were not informed during the Business Advisory Committee meeting about the motion being moved today.

“You are challenging the power of the Governor,” he said.

The Congress MLAs stalled the functioning of the House for almost 40 minutes, saying the motion could not be brought in. As the pandemonium continued, the Speaker asked the Marshals to march out the MLAs. When they refused to go, the House was adjourned thrice. They finally walked out after being suspended for the day.

“Their (Congress MLAs) silence and identical letters by Bajwa and state BJP chief Ashwani Sharma to the Governor prove that they do not care about democratic values and are hand in glove with the BJP. Perhaps, this is the reason poll-bound Himachal and Gujarat do not feature in their ‘Bharat Jodo Yatra’,” said the CM.

As the Congress MLAs had walked out, Finance Minister Harpal Cheema urged Speaker Kuldar Singh Sandhwan that the discussion on the motion be postponed to the next sitting. It was announced so subsequently.

SIDELIGHTS

POETIC TURN

The recitation of poems on the floor of the House is common, but trying to regale the MLAs in the midst of an adjournment is not. After the Speaker adjourned the House for 15 minutes, AAP legislator Mohammad Jamil ur Rahman was heard saying, “Hum to woh shayar hain jo waqt pade to talwar bhi utha lete hain.”

POSER TO MEDIA

As the debate between the treasury and opposition benches raged, Leader of Opposition Partap Singh Bajwa and Agriculture Minister Kuldeep Singh Dhalliwal asked the media (sitting in the Press gallery above the Assembly hall) who was right on the question of converting the session.



THOROUGH FRISKING

As the government apprehended that it could face protest in the House, all those who entered the Vidhan Sabha were asked whether or not they were carrying a black cloth with them. Unlike in the past, the frisking of all media persons was thorough.

TRIBUTES PAID

The House paid tributes to former Speaker Nirmal Singh Kahlon, former MLA Dharambir Agnihotri, progressive farmer Jagjit Singh Hara, SAD leader Avtar Singh Hit, PS Kumedan and social worker KD Khosla. Later, the House paid tributes to the father of AAP MLA Labh Singh Ugoke. The MLA’s father, Darshan Singh, passed away on Tuesday.



Congress leaders protest outside the Vidhan Sabha in Chandigarh on Tuesday. TRIBUNE PHOTO

Cong MLAs put up spirited fight against ‘illegal’ motion

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 27

Adopting an aggressive posturing on the opening day of the Vidhan Sabha session, Congress MLAs led by Leader of Opposition Partap Singh Bajwa displayed a coordinated floor strategy in countering the confidence motion tabled on the floor of the House by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann.

Raising their tone in spite of numerically insignificant numbers, the Congress MLAs made their presence felt in the House as the CM moved to introduce the confidence motion. Of the 18 party MLAs, 15 were present.

Unable to proceed with the confidence motion, Speaker Kuldar Singh Sandhwan had to adjourn the proceedings thrice before naming the Congress MLAs for the day.

Bajwa condemned the government for bringing in the trust vote in “violation of the legislative rules”.

“No rule allows the government enjoying the majority

CENSURE CM, DEMANDS BAJWA

Partap Singh Bajwa has urged the Governor to censure CM Mann for misleading him and the House on the confidence motion. He demanded an FIR should be registered against the CM.

HOLD POLL, AAP DARED

“If the AAP government is so keen to prove its majority in the Assembly, CM Mann must hold fresh elections. Why would the BJP topple your government as you are its ‘B team’?”

Amrinder Singh Raja Warring, PCC CHIEF

OTHER ISSUES IGNORED

“By dragging the discussion on the confidence motion, the AAP government wants to devote little time to discussion on other burning issues of the state. Congress MLA

to move a confidence motion,” he said, reminding the Speaker that there was no discussion on the motion during the Business Advisory Committee meeting.

State Congress chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring, former Deputy CM Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, Bholath MLA Sukhpal Khaira and other party MLAs tried to counter the offensive by treasury bench MLAs. As the CM rose to initiate the discussion on the

confidence motion, Bajwa did not relent and continued to lead the charge against the treasury benches.

The Congress MLAs stormed the Well of the House raising slogans before being named by the Speaker. Subsequently, the House was adjourned. After leaving the House, the MLAs staged a sit-in outside the Vidhan Sabha and conducted a mock session with Randhawa as the “Speaker”.

BJP holds mock House session, discusses ‘unkept’ promises

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 27

Holding a mock Assembly session, the BJP today put the government in the dock over the “unkept promises”.

In an elaborate arrangement, the party organised ‘Janata Di Vidhan Sabha’ in the parking lot of Batra Theatre next to the BJP’s office here. Like the real proceedings of the Assembly, a problem speaker was elected following which former Deputy Speaker Ajai Singh Bhatti was elected as the regular ‘Speaker’ of the mock Assembly.

The proceedings started with obituary references. Following that former MP Sunil Jakhar presented a resolution on the alleged corruption in the AAP government. While initiating the debate on the issue, Jakhar alleged that recordings of so many corrupt min-



BJP leaders hold a ‘Janata Di Vidhan Sabha’ in Chandigarh. PRADEEP TEWARI

isters and MLAs of the “honest” government had gone viral and more than half of the MLAs of the ruling party were facing criminal cases. Taking the debate forward, former MLA Fateh Jung Bajwa alleged that money collected in Punjab was being used in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh.

Another BJP leader Parminder Brar said since coming to power 14 MLAs or min-

isters were facing allegations of corruption.

Former Cabinet Minister Manoranjan Kalra and MLA Arvind Khanna flayed the government for failing to fulfil the promises made during the elections.

Former ministers Rana Gurmit Sodhi and Surjit Kumar Jyani raised the issue of farmers. Jyani said fake pesticides and fertilisers were destroying farmers in the state.

AAP govt raking up ‘Op Lotus’ ahead of HP elections: SAD

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 27

The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) today condemned the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) for tabling a confidence motion in the Vidhan Sabha “solely to politicise the bribery allegations” made against the BJP and derive political benefit in the forthcoming Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat Assembly elections.

Manpreet Singh Ayali, SAD legislature party leader, told the media outside the Assembly that the confidence motion was tabled to divert people’s attention from the core issues of Punjab.

YAD workers march towards House, court arrest

He questioned the rationale behind moving the confidence motion in the Vidhan Sabha when no Opposition MLA had demanded so. “The AAP government enjoys the support of 92 legislators out of 117. Moving the motion indicates that the AAP wants to play politics instead of addressing the concerns of Punjabis,” said the SAD leader.

He noted that tabling the confidence motion could be termed as a “backdoor entry”.

Ahluwalia only Pbi contesting Quebec election

BATHINDA, SEPTEMBER 27

A lone Punjabi candidate is contesting the Assembly elections in Quebec, a French-dominant area in Canada. Jaspal Singh Ahluwalia (in pic) representing Bloc Montreal is in the fray from Vaudeuil seat.

The elections are scheduled for October 3.

Anju Dhillon has been representing the Punjabi community in the House of Commons from the French-speaking province, but no Punjabi leader represents the community in the Quebec Assembly.

Besides Ahluwalia, another Indian Deepak Awasthi is contesting from Laurier-Dorion. Last year, the federal elections in Canada had thrown up encouraging trends for the Punjabis, as 19 of them won. — TNS



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MALOUT/MUKTSAR, SEPT 27

The state’s lone cotton pre-cleaning and drying unit set up with nearly Rs 2 crore at a cotton market in Malout has been lying unused since 2014.

The Punjab State Agricultural Marketing Board had purchased the machine from Nagpur and handed it over to the Malout Market Committee to ease cotton cleaning process for farmers on a no profit, no loss basis.

Notably, the machine has a capacity of cleaning six-tonne cotton per hour and weed out leaves from the cotton crop. It also lessens the moisture content of cotton as per the requirement and improves the quality of cotton fibre for the marketing purpose.

A commission agent said, “The state government must probe why this machine was



AREA UNDER CROP DOWN

“The sole reason behind the non-functional unit is the decrease in area under the cotton cultivation.”

Amandeep Singh Kang,

SECRETARY, MALOUT MARKET COMMITTEE

not used in the past eight years. Officials concerned should also be questioned. It was used just once to clean and dry normal variety of cotton. Neither the market committee officials nor the company’s engineers bothered to give a demonstration to the farmers again.”

Sources in the market committee said two years ago, there was a proposal to instal a shed on the machine at a

cost of Rs 1 crore. “We have repeatedly sought funds to make the machine functional again. Further, it requires eight skilled workers and an engineer,” they said.

Amandeep Singh Kang, secretary, Malout Market Committee, said: “The machine has been lying unused. The sole reason behind this is the decrease in area under the cotton cultivation.”

4-day police custody for top forest officer

MOHALI, SEPTEMBER 27

A Mohali court today remanded state Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Parveen Kumar (IFS) in four-day police custody in the alleged forest scam in which former ministers Sadhu Singh Dharamsot and Sangat Singh Gilzian have earlier been booked.

The Vigilance Bureau on Sunday arrested Kumar claiming that he had disclosed during questioning that Gilzian, as Forest Minister, allegedly pressured him to arrange funds for contesting the recently-held Assembly elections. The spokesperson said the arrest was made in an ongoing investigation into the alleged organised corruption by the two ministers. The VB said as part of the “scam”, the accused allegedly committed illegalities in the posting of officials, axing and



Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Parveen Kumar at a court in Mohali on Tuesday.

selling of khair trees, issuing NOCs to commercial establishments and purchase of tree guards worth crores. The VB claims to have found incriminating oral, documentary and circumstantial evidence against the IFS officer. Parveen remained CEO, PunCAMP, and nodal officer for issuing NOCs. — TNS

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	26558 12 Kanal and 10 Marla			
	22248 7 Kanal and 12 Marla			
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	Deed No. Extent of Land			
	8285 4 Kanal and 0 Marla			
	8380 10 Kanal and 19 Marla			
	8381 10 Kanal and 14½ Marla			
	TOTAL = 25 Kanal and 13.5 Marla			

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