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Dear Sir/Mam

Greetings from Global Punjabi Association

After the reorganisation of Punjab in 1966, several political, linguistic, economic, and cultural issues concerning the Punjabi-speaking people remained unresolved. To examine these grievances and to suggest measures for ensuring justice to Punjab, the Government of Punjab appointed a committee under the chairmanship of **Justice Gurnam Singh** in 1967.

Justice Gurnam Singh formulated an **Eleven-Point Programme** which highlighted the legitimate demands of Punjab relating to **language, river waters, state autonomy, economic development, farmers' rights, and cultural identity**. The programme aimed at securing **constitutional justice, federal balance, and equitable treatment** for Punjab within the Indian Union.

This Eleven-Point Programme became an important political and administrative document and later influenced major movements and debates concerning **Punjab's rights, Centre-State relations, and regional autonomy**.

Justice Gurnam Singh Eleven-Point Programme (Eleven-Point Programme of the government of that period also appended for your convenience)

1. **Implementation of Punjabi Suba** Creation of a Punjabi-speaking state based on linguistic and cultural identity.
2. **Punjabi as the Official Language** Punjabi to be declared and enforced as the primary official language of Punjab.
3. **Protection of Sikh Religious & Cultural Rights** Safeguarding Sikh traditions, institutions, and religious freedoms.
4. **Fair Distribution of River Waters** Ensuring Punjab's rightful share of Ravi, Beas, and Sutlej river waters.
5. **State Autonomy & Federal Rights** Strengthening state powers within India's federal structure.
6. **Economic Justice for Punjab** Fair share of revenue, development funds, and industrial growth for Punjab.
7. **Protection of Farmers' Rights** Safeguarding agricultural interests and ensuring fair pricing and resources.
8. **Preservation of Punjabi Culture & Heritage** Promotion of Punjabi language, history, arts, and cultural values.
9. **Fair Recruitment in Armed Forces & Services** Ensuring equal opportunities for Punjabis in defence and civil services.
10. **Chandigarh as Punjab's Capital** Recognition of Chandigarh as the rightful capital of Punjab.
11. **Justice for Punjabi-Speaking Areas** Inclusion of Punjabi-majority regions into Punjab's territorial jurisdiction.

We propose to organise a **Seminar in the month of February, 2026** to deliberate upon and chalk out a **comprehensive road map and agenda for the development of Punjab, Punjabi language, and Punjabi**, under the august **Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Governor of Punjab**.

The deliberations, outcomes, and inferences emerging from this Seminar shall serve as a **Charter of Action** for formulating a structured and forward-looking agenda for the overall development of Punjab.

In view of your stature as an **eminent Punjabi thinker, scholar, and visionary**, we would be highly honoured if you would contribute to this intellectual exercise by **writing and presenting a paper on any one of the themes covered under Justice Gurnam Singh's Eleven-Point Programme** at the proposed Seminar. You can also choose a topic of your choice from the appended **list of Eleven-Point Programme of the government of that period**

You are kindly requested to **confirm your consent along with the theme/title of your paper on or before February 10, 2026**.

We shall feel deeply obliged by your participation and scholarly contribution to this important initiative.

Thanking You

With warm regards

Your's Sincerely

(Dr. Jaswinder Singh Dhillon)

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Eleven-Point Programme of the government of that period (1967)

1. **Agricultural Development** Improving irrigation, providing quality seeds and fertilizers, and ensuring fair prices to farmers.
2. **Land Reforms** Redistribution of surplus land and protection of the rights of small and marginal farmers.
3. **Employment Generation** Creating job opportunities for youth through industrial growth and skill-based training.
4. **Industrial Development** Promotion of small-scale and cottage industries to strengthen the state economy.
5. **Education for All** Expansion of schools and colleges, promotion of literacy, and encouragement of technical education.
6. **Health Services** Strengthening hospitals, primary health centres, and organizing health awareness programmes.
7. **Social Welfare of SCs, BCs & Minorities** Special schemes for education, employment, housing, and social security of weaker sections.
8. **Housing & Urban Development** Providing affordable housing and improving civic amenities in urban and rural areas.
9. **Women & Child Welfare** Programmes for women empowerment, maternal health, nutrition, and child education.
10. **Rural Development** Development of villages through roads, drinking water supply, sanitation, and electrification.
11. **Administrative Reforms & Clean Governance** Ensuring efficient administration, transparency, and corruption-free governance.



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