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## **Congress demands white paper on employment in Haryana**

Alleging bungling in government recruitment, the Congress demanded that the Manohar Lal Khattar dispensation present a white paper on employment in the Haryana government and PSUs.

“The Manohar Lal Khattar government should immediately present a white paper on the state of employment in government, PSUs and private sector with a time bound framework for filling up all vacant posts,” Congress spokesman Randeep Singh Surjewala told media.

“Bungling is going on in police recruitment in Haryana,” he said.

The recruitment of 5,000 constables of Haryana police has remained disorderly and grossly unorganised, he said.

“There were several complaints regarding faulty electronic devices used for recording the race during police recruitment and biometric instruments not recording thumb impression correctly,” he said.

“A myopic government failed to take note of the prevailing extreme heat and humidity conditions between June 18 and July 23 for conducting races,” he said.

During the process of recruitment, several candidates, who completed the 5,000 metres race in 20 minutes, were declared ineligible, while those who took 24 minutes were declared eligible, he alleged.

“Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, while speaking at a function to honour wrestler Sakshi Malik in Bahadurgarh has declared that many candidates in Haryana police recruitment have broken the Olympic records,” he said.

“Either Khattar is telling a lie or the Staff Selection Commission is attempting to mislead everyone, he alleged.

“Drugs and intoxicants ruled the roost during the entire process of police recruitment in Kurukshetra district,” he said.

Two candidates lost their lives during the process of recruitment and many were hospitalised for using intoxicants or performance enhancing

drugs, he said, alleging that an organised drug mafia was operating under the nose of government, unchecked and unabated.

Around 34,581 employees, including teachers, linemen and auctioners of marketing board were facing miserable and pitiable treatment, he alleged.

Congress also demanded a CBI probe in the appointment of Dhammapal Chawhan as additional managing director of Hartron.

“Khattar is indulging in favouritism to appoint his cronies in public appointments by negating rules in the book,” he said.

Besides, Congress also demanded that the government should place in public domain the numbers and details of all organised drug gangs and individuals and also details of action taken against them.

“A special task force of competent police officers should be immediately framed with overall monitoring to be done by the CM himself,” he said.