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Surjewala wants white paper on recruitments

CHANDIGARH: Congress leader Randeep Singh Surjewala on Sunday demanded a CBI probe into the appointment of an additional managing director at Haryana State Electronics Development Corporation Limited (Hartron) and the recent drive for recruiting police constables, alleging that there were "large-scale irregularities in the recruitment processes". He demanded the state government to prepare a white paper on recruitments and retrenching in Haryana after the BJP came to power in September 2014.

Accusing chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar and his team of burying the rulebook related to employment, Surjewala - who presented file notes and orders of the CM's office (CMO) - said the CMO had ordered the creation of a post of additional managing director in Hartron to facilitate a Bangalore-based man.

"The appointment of Dhammapal Chawhan as additional managing director of Hartron is an absolute negation of all norms, procedure and rules of public appointment. On March 3, 2016, the CM issued a written order for appointment of Chawhan in the government company by creating a post," said Surjewala. "If the CM is going to indulge in rank favoritism to appoint his cronies by negating every rule in the book, how can youth of Haryana expect justice and fair play?" he said.

Surjewala did not speak on a Jain monk addressing the state assembly on the first day of the monsoon session. He was, however, quick to launch a scathing attack on Khattar government over the issue of police recruitment as well as BJP's general remark that it inherited wrongs and wrongdoings from the previous governments in the state.

"Blaming Congress for their own failures amounts to disrespect to 125 crore Indians who voted political parties to power. People have voted Congress to power for a long time and now they have voted Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP to power. We accepted the verdict. But, they (BJP leaders) have humiliated the verdict, " he said.