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Hon'ble Captain Amrinder Singh,

Chief Minister, Punjab.

SUBJECT: Expression of solidarity with ASHA Workers

and appeal for enhancing their wages by way of honour and gratitude of the State for their exemplary services during Covid-2019

Dear Sir,

A news report has been published in "The Tribune" dated 30.4.2020 (today) under the caption "Paid Rs.33/- a day, ASHA workers protest govt "apathy". It further reads that ASHA workers are visiting 30-50 households daily to create awareness about Covid-2019, and collect data for the department. They are getting only Rs.33/- per day, or Rs.1000/- per month. Thus, during the present Covid-2019 crisis also, these workers, who are at the fore front of fight against spread of Covid-2019, are being exploited, instead of being given a fair treatment. In fact, some special incentives are required to be extended to these workers, on account of their exemplary services during the current crisis. The provisions of Minimum Wages Act are required to be extended to them, so that they may make both ends meet. In any case, during Covid-2019 crisis, and period of lock down and restrictions, a special allowances atleast at the rate of Rs.5000/- per month should be extended to these workers, which should be continued atleast for a period of one year thereafter also, as their participation in the post-Covid operations would be continuously required by the State/Nation.

I hope and trust that grateful Nation/State shall immediately give its attention to the aspirations and needs of the ASHA Workers.

Meanwhile, please acknowledge this appeal.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,

(H.C. ARORA)

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