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Dear S Sukhbir Singh ji Badal,
Sat Sri Akal

Subject: Suggestions for Development & Propagation of Punjabi Language

It is heartening to learn about your initiatives to further propagate Punjabi language on the eve of the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Punjabi Suba. An assurance from you that the Punjab Government is fully committed to the overall development of Punjabi language as also an offer to provide every necessary help to keep aloft the banner of our mother tongue is indeed welcome.

Although we are no experts of the Punjabi language, we wish to convey simple measures that could contribute towards the development and the propagation of Punjabi language:

(1) For Development: We believe that the prime objective of developing Punjabi language should be that one be able to read and understand Gurbani. However, a majority of the Punjabi-knowing persons are not able to do so, because the words used in Guru Granth Sahib are from many languages. Since our Gurus have used words from different languages for disseminating their divine message, these must, therefore, be adopted by the Punjabi language. This would not only enrich the Punjabi language but also make Gurbani easily comprehensible by all Punjabi-knowing people.

For achieving this purpose, authors may be requested to write course/story books for all age groups by using the new vocabulary. Dictionaries too may be updated accordingly.

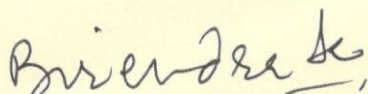
(2) For Propagation: These days, pre-school children pick up Hindi and English before they learn their mother tongue, courtesy, the cartoons and other kids' programs they watch on TV and YouTube. On the other hand, parents are struggling hard to make them speak Punjabi.

Producing ideal programs in Punjabi for our kids, therefore, is the need of the hour. On an immediate basis, however, the ongoing popular cartoons, kids programs could be dubbed in Punjabi. Kids worldwide would be able to learn to speak Punjabi on their own.

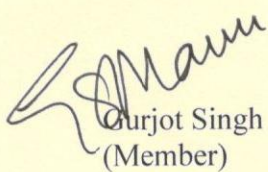
These simple steps are not only easily executable but also hold great promise for developing and propagating the Punjabi language – which is far more than a mother tongue, it being the vehicle of the Guru's message of Universalism for the entire mankind.

We highly appreciate, once again, your sincere efforts in the interest of Punjabi language.

With best regards,
Yours sincerely,



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