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**Chief Minister, Punjab**

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Dear Sh. Sushil Chandra ji,

I am bothering you for a genuine issue relating to the elections to the Punjab Legislative Assembly, voting for which is scheduled to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

It has been brought to my notice by the representatives of Scheduled Caste community, which contributes around 32 percent of the total population of the State, that birth anniversary of Sri Guru Ravidass Ji falls on 16.02.2022 and on this occasion, a large number of SC devotees (about 20 lakh) from the State are likely to visit Banaras in Uttar Pradesh from 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022. In such a situation, many people from this community would not be able to cast their votes for the State Assembly, which is otherwise their constitutional right. They have requested that the voting date may be extended in such a way that they are able to visit Banaras from 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022, as also participate in the Assembly elections,

In the above background, it is considered fair and appropriate that the voting for Punjab Assembly Elections 2022, may be postponed for atleast six days, enabling about 20 lakh people to utilize their right to vote for the State Legislative Assembly.

I am sure you would consider this sympathetically and have the needful done, accordingly.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Charanjit Singh Channi)

**Sh. Sushil Chandra,**  
Chief Election Commissioner,  
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New Delhi.