



# ਸਰਬੱਤ ਖ਼ਾਲਸਾ

## Sarbat Khalsa

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Subject: **Returning Gutkas of Gurbani in Protest Against a Wrong Law Is Also Wrong**

Dear Sikh Sangat,

Sikhs have historically launched major movements and struggles to uphold their principles and have never feared filling the jails. However, removing Gutkas and pothis of Gurbani from one's home out of fear of jail reflects a decline in principles. It tarnishes Sikh heritage.

Sarbat Khalsa Jathebandi does not support any law that gives the state an opportunity to interfere in the Sikh religion. The Punjab government has failed to take appropriate action to punish those responsible for past incidents of sacrilege, yet by introducing a new law, Sikh sentiments are being exploited for political gain.

In the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji Satkar (Amendment) Act 2026, the provisions regarding the "custodian" are concerning, as they could lead to innocent people being falsely implicated. Opposition to such laws is justified and necessary.

While the government appears to be using lawmaking as a cover for political advantage, the opposition too seems to be opposing not to defend principles but in hopes of political gain. All are equally responsible for shielding those guilty of sacrilege.

In recent days, a very troubling trend has been observed. There are reports of some individuals taking Gutkas and pothis of Gurbani from their homes and depositing them in Gurdwaras. It has also been seen that people are getting staged photographs taken while returning these Gutkas and pothis and having them published in newspapers. The Sangat should remain cautious. This trend may be driven by opposition parties through their workers and supporters, and such a method of opposition is unfortunate.

Sarbat Khalsa Jathebandi appeals to the entire Sangat to immediately stop this practice and adopt more effective methods of protest. A true Sikh cannot separate themselves from Gurbani under any circumstances.

If, after returning Gurbani pothis and Gutkas, the government makes the required amendments to the law, how will history remember such a "victory"?

*Shah Mohammada ik sarkar bajhon, faujan jitt ke unt nu haarian nee.*

*(O Shah Mohammad, without sovereign leadership, even victorious armies ultimately lose)*

In the interest of the Kaum, guided by Gurmat,

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