

Cut Nankana Sahib bus fare to Rs 11, says M.S. Gill

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The member of the Rajya Sabha from Punjab, Mr M.S. Gill, today welcomed the decision to start a regular bus service between Amritsar and Nankana Sahib. This was to be inaugurated by the Prime Minister, Dr Manmohan Singh, on March 24.

However, he said there was immediate need to slash the bus fare. The existing fare of Rs 1,100 per head was very high. Many of those who would be travelling in the bus would be

small farmers and others from low-income groups. Rich people went to Pakistan by air. The fare should be brought down to Rs 11 per head. The Centre and the Punjab Government should contribute from their treasuries to make the journey for pilgrims affordable.

Mr Gill also said that the Union Government should declare Attari railway station and the Wagah border as land ports and allocate Rs 200 crore for the development of both areas. — TNS

