

Aladinpur content with Gill's efforts

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Aladinpur, the village adopted by Rajya Sabha MP Manohar Singh Gill under the Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana, does not have a drinking water facility, fan or LPG cylinder at its aganwari centre for small children, who have no choice but to sit in a dingy room. Employees bring water from nearby homes and use dung cakes to cook for children. They have now been promised that they would get LPG cylinders soon as the village has been adopted by the Rajya Sabha MP.

Overall, the village has more public utilities than any other village in its vicinity. It has two aganwari centres, a veterinary clinic, a water works tank, a community biogas plant and a school.

However, the village does not have a proper sewerage system. Waste water goes in the village pond and water from the pond spills out many times. The district administration has assigned the duty of drawing out water from the pond to the Agriculture Department.

Most of the villagers, including panchayat members who belong to the SAD are all praise for Gill. "Manohar Singh has done a lot of things for this village. He has helped us start Senior Secondary School for Girls with smart classrooms. The school is going to start Class XII in medical stream from this session," said Nirmal Singh, village sarpanch.

Another resident Hardev Singh said, "We have many

Village: Aladinpur

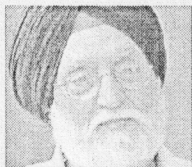
(Amritsar)

Adopted by: **Manohar Singh Gill** (Rajya Sabha MP)

Population: **5,400**

Problem areas

- Lack of proper sewerage system
- Inundation of areas near pond
- Anganwari centre sans facilities
- Community biogas plant lying defunct



“Even before I selected Aladinpur, I had issued grants for many works. Education, especially of girls, has been my focus. I came to know about the problem faced by children at the aaganwari centre a month ago and I gave ₹3 lakh for the centre. The government should also take interest in running institutions constructed with the MP grant.”

Manohar Singh Gill, RAJYA SABHA MP

public utilities in the village because of the efforts of Gill. The problem arises when these are handed over to the departments concerned, as an MP he doesn't have any administrative control over them.” Gill was born in the village but his family moved out around six decades ago.