

Naveen Jindal files nomination from Kurukshetra

Kurukshetra, April 17: Industrialist Naveen Jindal today filed his nomination papers as a Congress candidate from the Kurukshetra Lok Sabha constituency in Haryana. He had defeated Mr Abhay Singh Chautala, son of former Chief Minister O.P.Chautala, by a margin of over 1.60 lakh votes in 2004.

Mr Bhupinder Singh Hooda, the State Chief Minister, Mr Phool Singh Mulana, the Pradesh Congress Committee Chief, and Mr Jindal's family members were with him at the time of filing of the nomination. The family members included mother Mrs Savitri Jindal, who is a Minister in the Haryana government, industrialist brothers Mr P. R. Jindal, Mr Sajjan Jindal, and Mr Ratan Jindal, Wife Mrs Shallu Jindal, and sisters.

Mr Jindal's supporters had organized a massive rally in the city today. While other local leaders continued with the rally at a distance, the chief minister, the PCC chief , Mr Jindal and his family members left the rally venue at about noon to file the nomination which was scheduled for 12.30 PM.

After coming back, the Chief Minister told the enthusiastic crowds that they must take into account the development works done by the Manmohan Singh-led UPA government, the Congress government in the state headed by him , and Mr Jindal's performance in the constituency before casting their votes.

Mr Hooda said the UPA government had initiated some pathbreaking schemes for the uplift of the under privileged such as waiver of farmer's loans, rural employment guarantee scheme, unprecedented investment in education and health services, etc. Amidst thunderous slogan shouting and loud cheers, Mr Hooda narrated his state government's policies, particularly those favouring farmers and other deprived sections of the society.

Mr Jindal said under the leadership of Mrs Sonia Gandhi and Dr Manmohan Singh, it is only the Congress party which can maintain communal harmony and keep India united. He emphasized that the Congress-led UPA gave a clean and performing government which has made a perceptible change in the lives of downtrodden, both in the rural areas as well as in cities over the past five years.

Mr Jindal also pointed out the developmental works done in Haryana under the leadership of Mr Hooda, and reminded the gathering that they will have to return Mr Hooda to power once again when the state goes to assembly polls after a year.

Mr Jindal asked party workers to spread out to all corners of the constituency to publicise the works done by him as well as the state and central governments. He said he was in politics because his late father Shri O.P.Jindal ji wanted him to serve the people, and that he did with utmost honesty, particularly the welfare schemes

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carried out for weaker sections, women, youth and farmers.

Other party leaders pointed out that besides spending the public funds allocated under the MPLAD scheme on the developmental works in his constituency, Mr Jindal also spent over 40 crores from the funds of O.P.Jindal Jan Kalyan Sansthan, on developing roads, building schools, running medical vans, setting up sports facilities, distributing cycles to needy girls, and initiating several other welfare schemes.

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