SRI MUKTSAR SAHIB

POLITICAL CONSTITUENCY SURVEY & STAKEHOLDER ASSESSMENT REPORT

Sri Muktsar Sahib District (AC-83 to AC-86), Punjab
Bathinda, Faridkot and Firozpur PCs and Municipal Councils

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To,
Shri Nitin Nabin
National President
Bharatiya Janata Party
New Delhi

Subject: Submission of the Political and Constituency Survey Report for Sri Muktsar Sahib District, Punjab (Lambi, Gidderbaha, Malout and Sri Muktsar Sahib Assembly constituencies).

Sir,

With reference to the above, please find enclosed the Political and Constituency Survey Report for Sri Muktsar Sahib district. The report covers the 2022 Assembly results of all four seats, the November 2024 Gidderbaha by-election, the 2024 Lok Sabha results of Bathinda, Faridkot and Firozpur with the district's segment votes, the May 2026 municipal council elections, the December 2025 zila parishad and block samiti polls, directories of political and administrative office-holders, local issues, a review of public social-media activity, and a proposed field survey methodology.

The report notes that AAP holds three of the four seats (and Gidderbaha since the 2024 by-election), that the SAD led two of the four segments in the 2024 Lok Sabha poll, and that AAP won majorities in the Muktsar and Gidderbaha councils in May 2026 while the SAD performed strongly in the district's rural bodies in December 2025.

Each figure and name is linked to its source; where sources differ the discrepancy is shown, and unconfirmed items are marked 'Not Available / Not Verified'. Parliamentary, assembly, municipal and panchayat results are presented separately.

Submitted for your kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Ministry of Home Affairs

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ABBREVIATIONS

Table 1: Abbreviations used in this report

Abbreviation	Full form
AC / PC	Assembly / Parliamentary Constituency
SC (seat)	Reserved for Scheduled Castes
ECI / SEC	Election Commission of India / State Election Commission Punjab
MC	Municipal Council (Sri Muktsar Sahib, Malout, Gidderbaha)
ZP / PS	Zila Parishad / Panchayat (Block) Samiti
DC / ADC / SDM / BDPO / DDPO	Deputy Commissioner / Additional DC / Sub-Divisional Magistrate / Block Development & Panchayat Officer / District Development & Panchayat Officer
SSP / DIG / EO / ERO	Senior Superintendent of Police / Deputy Inspector General / Executive Officer / Electoral Registration Officer
DCC / PPCC	District / Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee
AAP / INC / BJP / SAD / IND	Aam Aadmi Party / Indian National Congress / Bharatiya Janata Party / Shiromani Akali Dal / Independent
SAD(A)	Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar)
NOTA	None of the Above

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 **Assembly 2022.** AAP won three of four seats: Lambi (Gurmeet Singh Khudian defeated Parkash Singh Badal by 11,396), Malout (Dr Baljit Kaur, by 40,261) and Sri Muktsar Sahib (Jagdeep Singh Kaka Brar, by 34,194). The Congress held Gidderbaha, where Raja Warring beat SAD's Dimpy Dhillon by 1,349 (link / link / link / link). The SAD was runner-up in all four.

1.2 **Gidderbaha by-election (23 Nov 2024).** After Warring was elected to the Lok Sabha from Ludhiana, Dimpy Dhillon - now with AAP - won with 71,644 votes (52.16%), defeating Amrita Warring (INC) by 21,969; BJP's Manpreet Badal polled 12,227. The SAD did not contest (link / link).

1.3 **Lok Sabha 2024.** The district lies in three parliamentary seats. Bathinda: Harsimrat Kaur Badal (SAD) won by 49,656. Faridkot: Independent Sarabjeet Singh Khalsa won by 70,053. Firozpur: Sher Singh Ghubaya (INC) won by 3,242 over Muktsar MLA Kaka Brar (AAP) (link / link / link). **Segments:** SAD led Lambi and Malout; AAP led Muktsar and was second in Gidderbaha; the Congress was third or fourth in all four (link).

1.4 **Councils (May 2026).** AAP won 22 of 31 wards in Sri Muktsar Sahib (link) and 17 of 19 in Gidderbaha (link); Malout was closer (AAP 12, INC 8, SAD 7 of 27 - Verification Required) (link / link). All three had Congress majorities in 2021 (link).

1.5 **Rural bodies (Dec 2025).** Against the statewide AAP trend, the SAD won 7 of 13 zila parishad zones and 48 of 95 panchayat samiti zones in the district (link).

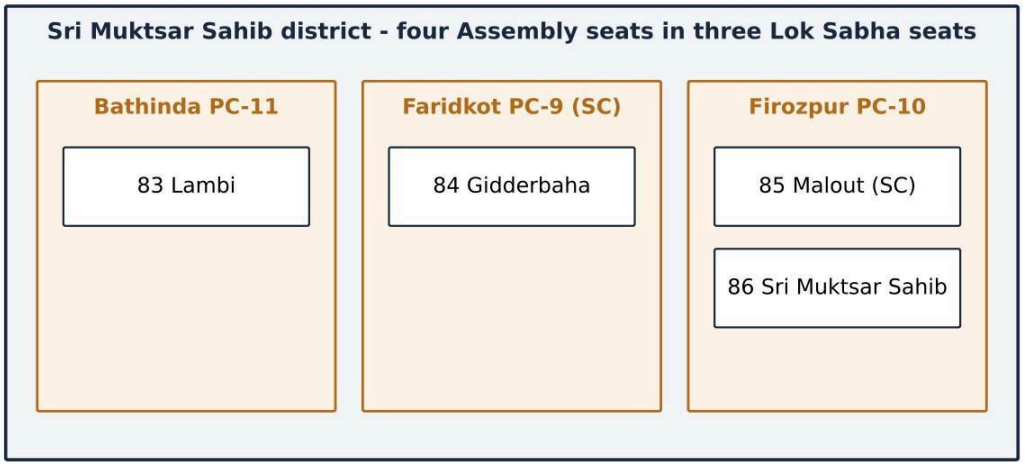
1.6 **Method.** Sources were ranked: ECI and SEC; district website; party announcements; established newspapers. Jurisdictions (AC, PC, council, rural bodies) are kept separate. Facebook public search was viewed on 20 Nov 2026 through the client's browser; Instagram was not reviewed because no account was signed in. No password was entered and no private content accessed. Social-media counts are not voter opinion.

2. GEOGRAPHIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW

2.1 Sri Muktsar Sahib district lies in south-western Punjab. The district website gives a population of 9,01,896, 74.46% rural, density 344 per sq km and Scheduled Castes at 37.75%, labelled as Census 2001 (link). The 9,01,896 figure matches the commonly cited Census 2011 total; the year label and the SC share should be verified against the Census 2011 District Handbook.

2.2 The district has three subdivisions (Sri Muktsar Sahib, Malout, Gidderbaha) and four development blocks (Muktsar, Malout, Lambi, Kot Bhai). Urban local bodies are the Municipal Councils of Sri Muktsar Sahib, Malout and Gidderbaha; the status of a Bariwala nagar panchayat and any 2026 poll there could not be verified (Not Available).

Figure 1: Constituency structure of Sri Muktsar Sahib district



Schematic only - not a boundary map. Councils: Muktsar, Malout, Gidderbaha. Blocks: Muktsar, Malout, Lambi, Kot Bhai (Gidderbaha).

Table 2: Jurisdictions covered (not to be combined)

Unit	Description	Key point	Source
Lambi AC-83	General; Bathinda PC	Badal family home seat; AAP since 2022	link
Gidderbaha AC-84	General; Faridkot PC (SC)	INC 2012-2022; AAP since Nov 2024 bypoll	link / link
Malout AC-85 (SC)	Reserved SC; Firozpur PC	AAP 2022	link
Sri Muktsar Sahib AC-86	General; Firozpur PC	AAP 2022	link
Three Municipal Councils	31 / 27 / 19 wards	Polled 26 May 2026	link / link
Zila Parishad + 4 samitis	13 ZP zones; 95 samiti zones	Polled 14 Dec 2025	link

3. DISTRICT POLITICAL PROFILE

3.1 Sri Muktsar Sahib is the home district of the Badal family (Badal village, Lambi) and of former PPCC chief Raja Warring (Gidderbaha) (link). Until 2017 the SAD and Congress shared the seats: in 2017 the SAD won Lambi and Muktsar, the Congress Gidderbaha and Malout (link).

3.2 The 2022 election broke this pattern: AAP took three seats, and in 2024 took Gidderbaha too. The SAD, though out of the assembly here, remained the main challenger: runner-up in all four seats in 2022, leading two segments in 2024 and winning most rural-body zones in 2025. The BJP's presence is limited (8.90% in the Gidderbaha bypoll; third in the Muktsar segment in 2024).

Table 3: Seats held, 2017 vs 2022 vs present

AC	2017 winner	2022 winner	Present (Nov 2026)
83 Lambi	Parkash Singh Badal (SAD)	Gurmeet Singh Khudian (AAP)	AAP
84 Gidderbaha	Raja Warring (INC)	Raja Warring (INC)	AAP (Dimpy Dhillon, bypoll 2024)
85 Malout (SC)	Ajaib Singh Bhatti (INC)	Dr Baljit Kaur (AAP)	AAP
86 Sri Muktsar Sahib	Roji Barkandi (SAD)	Kaka Brar (AAP)	AAP

Source: link / link / link / link / link.

4. ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY PROFILES

4.1 **Lambi (AC-83).** Parkash Singh Badal won Lambi in 2017 by 22,770 over Capt Amarinder Singh (link). In 2022 Gurmeet Singh Khudian (AAP), a former Muktsar DCC president, defeated him. In 2024 Khudian contested Bathinda and lost; in the Lambi segment the SAD led him by 22,361 (link / link). Khudian serves as Agriculture Minister (link).

4.2 **Gidderbaha (AC-84).** Raja Warring won in 2012, 2017 (by 16,212) and 2022 (by 1,349), each time against SAD candidates, the last two against Dimpy Dhillon (link). Dhillon joined AAP and won the 2024 bypoll. In the 2024 Lok Sabha poll the Congress came third in the segment (link / link).

4.3 **Malout (AC-85, SC).** The SAD won in 2012 (Harpreet Singh, by 2,564) and the Congress in 2017 (Ajaib Singh Bhatti, by 4,989). In 2022 Dr Baljit Kaur (AAP) won with 55.6% (link). The SAD led the segment in 2024 by 1,742 votes over AAP (link).

4.4 **Sri Muktsar Sahib (AC-86).** SAD's Roji Barkandi won in 2017 by 7,980 in a four-way contest; Kaka Brar (AAP) was third with 33,201 (link). Brar won in 2022 by 34,194 and AAP led the segment in 2024. AAP has renominated him for 2027 (link).

Table 4: Assembly 2017 - winners and margins

AC	Winner	Party	Runner-up	Party	Margin	Src
83 Lambi	Parkash Singh Badal	SAD	Capt Amarinder Singh	INC	22,770	link
84 Gidderbaha	Amarinder Singh Raja Warring	INC	Hardeep Singh Dimpy Dhillon	SAD	16,212	link
85 Malout (SC)	Ajaib Singh Bhatti	INC	Darshan Singh	SAD	4,989	link
86 Sri Muktsar Sahib	Kanwarjit Singh Roji Barkandi	SAD	Karan Kaur Brar	INC	7,980	link

Table 5: Muktsar AC 2017 and Malout AC 2017 - main candidates

AC	Candidate	Party	Votes
Muktsar	Kanwarjit Singh Roji Barkandi	SAD	44,894
Muktsar	Karan Kaur Brar	INC	36,914
Muktsar	Jagdeep Singh Kaka Brar	AAP	33,201
Muktsar	Sukhdarshan Singh Mrar	IND	28,204
Malout	Ajaib Singh Bhatti	INC	49,098
Malout	Darshan Singh	SAD	44,109
Malout	Baldev Singh	AAP	38,663

Source: link / link. Electors and turnout by AC for 2022 were not retrieved from ECI: Not Available.

5. LOK SABHA ELECTION ANALYSIS - 2024

Table 6: PC-wide results (not the district's local result)

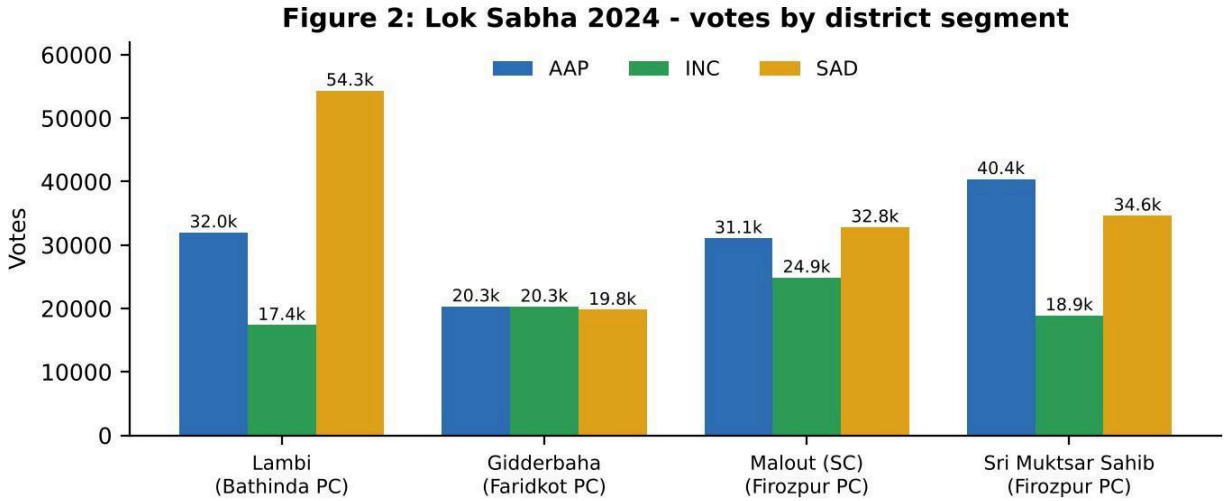
PC	Winner	Party	Votes (%)	Runner-up	Party	Votes (%)	Margin	Turnout
Bathinda (PC-11)	Harsimrat Kaur Badal	SAD	376,558 (32.71%)	Gurmeet Singh Khudian	AAP	326,902 (28.40%)	49,656	69.36%
Faridkot (PC-9, SC)	Sarabjeet Singh Khalsa	IND	298,062 (29.38%)	Karamjit Anmol	AAP	228,009 (22.48%)	70,053	63.34%
Firozpur (PC-10)	Sher Singh Ghubaya	INC	266,626 (23.70%)	Jagdeep Singh Kaka Brar	AAP	263,384 (23.41%)	3,242	67.02%

Source: link / link / link / link. Bathinda: INC (Jeet Mohinder Singh Sidhu) 2,02,011; BJP (Parampal Kaur Sidhu) 1,10,762. Firozpur was a four-way contest: BJP (Rana Gurmit Singh Sodhi) 2,55,097 (22.67%), SAD (Nardev Singh Bobby Mann) 2,53,645 (22.54%). Faridkot: AAP Karamjit Anmol second; INC Amarjit Kaur Sahoke, SAD Rajwinder Singh, BJP Hans Raj Hans - votes Not Available.

Table 7: District segments, 2024 (separate from PC-wide results)

AC	Segment	PC	AAP	INC	SAD	Note
83	Lambi	Bathinda	31,976	17,371	54,337	SAD led (by 22,361 over AAP)
84	Gidderbaha	Faridkot	20,310	20,273	19,791	AAP second; INC third; SAD fourth; IND winner's segment votes Not Available
85	Malout (SC)	Firozpur	31,073	24,873	32,815	SAD led; INC third
86	Sri Muktsar Sahib	Firozpur	40,393	18,891	34,633	AAP led; INC fourth (BJP third, votes Not Available)

Source: The Tribune (link). BJP and Independent segment votes were not reported in the sources found (Not Available). The Lambi lead of 22,361 is computed from these figures; another report puts Harsimrat's lead in Lambi at 23,264 - discrepancy noted.



5.1 The 2024 pattern differs sharply from 2022. The SAD recovered in Lambi and Malout (parliamentary contest with Badal family candidates), AAP retained first place only in Muktsar, and the Congress - despite winning Firozpur PC - was third in Malout and Gidderbaha and fourth in Muktsar.

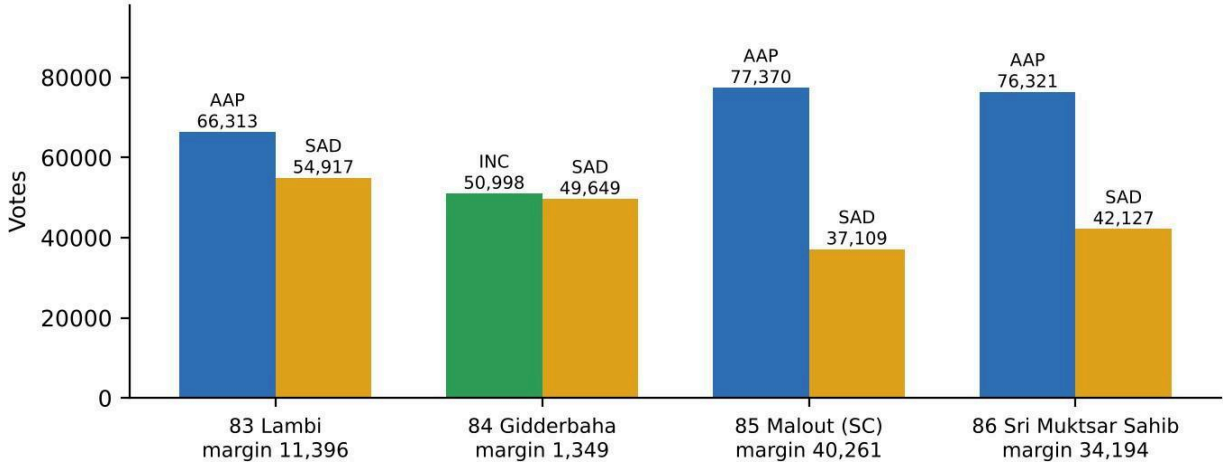
6. VIDHAN SABHA ELECTION ANALYSIS - 2022

Table 8: Assembly 2022 - winner and runner-up

AC	PC	Winner	Party	Votes (%)	Runner-up	Party	Votes	Margin	Src
83 Lambi	Bathinda	Gurmeet Singh Khudian	AAP	66,313 (48.87%)	Parkash Singh Badal	SAD	54,917	11,396	link / link / link
84 Gidderbaha	Faridkot	Amarinder Singh Raja Warring	INC	50,998 (35.70%)	Hardeep Singh Dimpy Dhillon	SAD	49,649	1,349	link / link
85 Malout (SC)	Firozpur	Dr Baljit Kaur	AAP	77,370 (55.60%)	Harpreet Singh Kotbhai	SAD	37,109	40,261	link / link
86 Sri Muktsar Sahib	Firozpur	Jagdeep Singh Kaka Brar	AAP	76,321 (51.09%)	Kanwarjit Singh Roji Barkandi	SAD	42,127	34,194	link / link

Notes: Lambi - India TV gives 65,717 vs 54,360 (margin 11,357); the ECI-aligned figures are used (link). Muktsar runner-up votes (42,127) are computed from the winner's votes and margin. Malout: INC (Rupinder Kaur Ruby) 17,652 (12.68%); total votes 1,39,167 (link). Gidderbaha shares: Warring 35.7%, Dhillon 34.8%; AAP's candidate's votes Not Available.

Figure 3: Vidhan Sabha 2022 - winner and runner-up in each seat



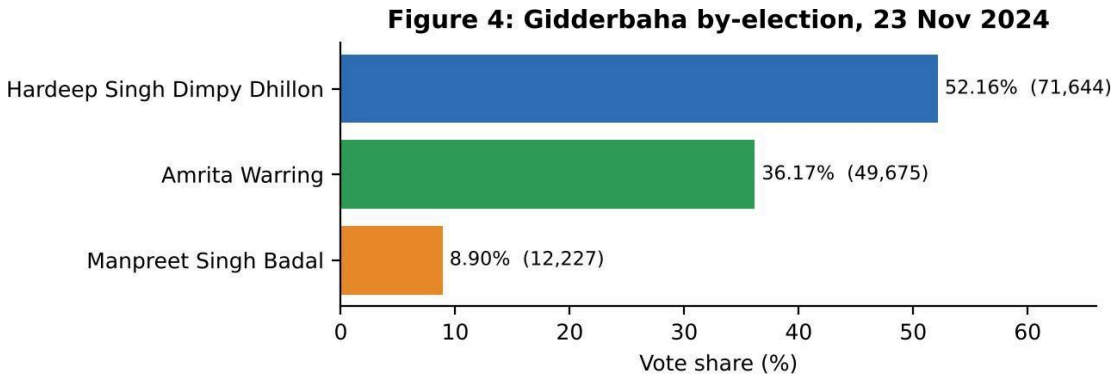
6.1 The SAD finished second everywhere; the Congress was third in Malout (12.68%), and its position in Lambi and Muktsar is Not Verified. AAP's margins were large in the two Firozpur-PC seats (over 34,000) and moderate in Lambi; Gidderbaha was the closest seat in the district.

7. BY-ELECTION ANALYSIS - GIDDERBAHA 2024

Table 9: Gidderbaha AC-84 by-election, 23 November 2024

Candidate	Party	Votes	Vote %
Hardeep Singh Dimpy Dhillon	AAP	71,644	52.16%
Amrita Warring	INC	49,675	36.17%
Manpreet Singh Badal	BJP	12,227	8.90%
NOTA	-	889	-
Sukhraj Singh (SAD-A)	SAD(A)	715	-
Margin		21,969	15.99 points
Total votes / turnout		1,37,348	81.90%

Source: link. The SAD did not field a candidate.



7.1 The vacancy arose when Raja Warring was elected MP from Ludhiana. Warring said the result might have differed had the SAD contested; Amrita Warring noted she was the first woman candidate in Gidderbaha (link). Compared with 2022, Dhillon's vote rose from 49,649 (as SAD) to 71,644 (as AAP), while the Congress vote fell slightly from 50,998 to 49,675.

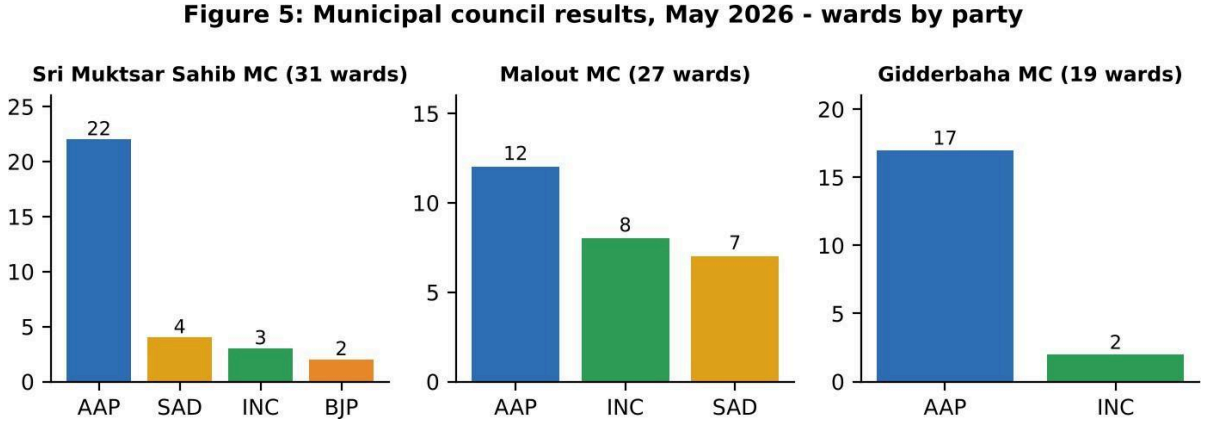
8. MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTION ANALYSIS

8.1 The councils voted on 26 May 2026 and were counted on 29 May (link). Statewide, AAP won 958 of 1,977 wards (link).

Table 10: Council results, May 2026

Council	Wards	Result	Majority	2021 (previous)	Src
Sri Muktsar Sahib MC	31	AAP 22, SAD 4, INC 3, BJP 2	AAP	Congress majority (2021)	link
Malout MC	27	AAP 12, INC 8, SAD 7	No majority (AAP largest)	Congress clear majority (2021)	link / link
Gidderbaha MC	19	AAP 17, INC 2	AAP	Congress 18 of 19 (2021)	link / link

Malout tally from earlier press reporting; ThePrint lists Malout among councils where the Congress did well (link) - final figures Verification Required. Gidderbaha polling about 65% (link). Ward-wise winners for Muktsar are published by India TV (link); council presidents elected after May 2026 are Not Available. Bariwala: Not Available.



8.2 In 2021 the Congress won all three councils, including 18 of 19 wards in Gidderbaha (link). In June 2023 nine of the 17 Congress councillors in Muktsar resigned from the party over the then council president's functioning (link).

9. PANCHAYAT AND OTHER LOCAL ELECTION ANALYSIS

Table 11: Rural bodies

Election	Area	Result	Status	Src
Zila parishad, 14 Dec 2025	Sri Muktsar Sahib (13 zones)	SAD 7 of 13; others' split Not Available	Reported	link
Panchayat samitis, 14 Dec 2025	Four blocks (95 zones)	SAD 48 of 95; others' split Not Available	Reported	link
Within Muktsar AC (party claim)	Muktsar AC area	SAD 2 of 2 ZP, 17 of 20 samiti seats	Claim by SAD president	link
Arrangements	District	334 polling stations, 629 booths	Official (SSP)	link
Gram panchayats, Oct 2024	District villages	Non-party; e.g. minister's nephew elected sarpanch of Khuddian Gulab Singh	Individual reports only	link

9.1 Block-wise tallies (Muktsar, Malout, Lambi, Kot Bhai) and the ZP chairperson are Not Available. The SAD and Congress alleged rigging and nomination rejections statewide (link); these are allegations. Sarpanch polls are non-party; no party labels are assigned to winners.

10. POLITICAL LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY

Table 12: Political personalities connected with the district (no private contacts)

Name	Designation	Party	Area	Background	Status	Src
Gurmeet Singh Khudian	MLA, Lambi (2022-); Agriculture Minister	AAP	Lambi AC-83	Defeated Parkash Singh Badal in 2022; former Muktsar DCC president (INC); 2024 Bathinda runner-up	Current	link / link / link
Hardeep Singh Dimpy Dhillon	MLA, Gidderbaha (by-election Nov 2024)	AAP	Gidderbah a AC-84	SAD runner-up 2017 and 2022; joined AAP; won bypoll by 21,969	Current	link / link
Dr Baljit Kaur	MLA, Malout (SC) (2022-)	AAP	Malout AC-85	Won by 40,261 in 2022; ministerial status Verification Required	Current	link / link
Jagdeep Singh Kaka Brar	MLA, Sri Muktsar Sahib (2022-)	AAP	Muktsar AC-86	Won by 34,194; 2024 Firozpur runner-up (by 3,242); renominated 31 Oct 2026	Current	link / link / link
Harsimrat Kaur Badal	MP, Bathinda (since 2009)	SAD	Bathinda PC (incl. Lambi)	Won 2024 by 49,656	Current	link
Sarabjeet Singh Khalsa	MP, Faridkot (SC) (2024-)	IND	Faridkot PC (incl. Gidderbaha)	Won 2024 by 70,053	Current	link
Sher Singh Ghubaya	MP, Firozpur (2024-)	INC	Firozpur PC (incl. Malout, Muktsar)	Won 2024 by 3,242; former SAD MP (2009, 2014)	Current	link
Sukhbir Singh Badal	President, SAD	SAD	Badal village, Lambi	Firozpur MP 2019; did not contest 2024	Active	link / link
Amarinder Singh Raja Warring	MP, Ludhiana (2024-); former PPCC chief	INC	Gidderbaha / Muktsar	Gidderbaha MLA 2012-2024; replaced as PPCC chief by Pargat Singh, 2 Oct 2026	Active	link / link / link
Amrita Warring	Congress candidate, Gidderbaha bypoll 2024	INC	Gidderbaha	Runner-up (49,675; 36.17%)	Former candidate	link / link
Manpreet Singh Badal	BJP candidate, Gidderbaha bypoll 2024	BJP	Gidderbaha	Third (12,227); former Finance Minister	Former candidate	link
Kanwarjit Singh Roji Barkandi	SAD in-charge, Muktsar; MLA 2017-22	SAD	Muktsar AC-86	Runner-up 2022; credited with Dec 2025 rural poll wins	Active	link / link
Harpreet Singh Kotbhai	SAD candidate, Malout 2022	SAD	Malout AC-85	Runner-up 2022; MLA Malout 2012	Active (former candidate)	link

Name	Designation	Party	Area	Background	Status	Src
Parkash Singh Badal	Former CM; Lambi MLA until 2022	SAD	Lambi	Lost Lambi in 2022; died April 2023	Deceased (historical)	link
Pargat Singh / Kewal Singh Dhillon	State presidents, Congress / BJP	INC / BJP	Punjab	Pargat Singh appointed 2 Oct 2026	Current	link / link
Not Available	District presidents of AAP, INC, BJP, SAD; MC presidents (Muktsar, Malout, Gidderbaha); ZP chairperson	-	-	-	Not Available / Not Verified	-

11. SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS DIRECTORY

11.1 **Discrepancy resolved:** Abhijeet Kaplish became DC in February 2025 after Rajesh Tripathi's suspension (link); Amit Kumar Panchal replaced him on 6 April 2026 (link), as the district website also shows. Only office contacts are listed. Nothing here implies that any official supports a party.

Table 13: Administrative officials (office contacts only)

Name	Designation	Department	Jurisdiction	Official contact	Verification	Src
Amit Kumar Panchal, IAS (2016)	Deputy Commissioner -cum-District Election Officer	District Admin	Sri Muktsar Sahib district	01633-263643; dc.mks@punjab.gov.in	Posted 6 Apr 2026, replacing Abhijeet Kaplish	link / link / link
Abhimanyu Rana, IPS	Senior Superintendent of Police	Punjab Police	District	Via Punjab Police website	Reported in post Dec 2025 - Jan 2026; current status Verification Required	link / link / link
Nilambari Jagdale, IPS	DIG, Faridkot Range (covers Muktsar)	Punjab Police	Faridkot Range	-	Reported Jan 2026	link
Davy (Devi) Goyal, IAS (2022)	ADC (Rural Development), addl. charge ADC (General)	District Admin	District; ERO Lambi AC	Via DC office	ADC (G) since Feb 2026 / ADC (RD) Jun 2026 - spellings differ	link / link / link
Gurkiran Singh Sidhu, PCS	SDM Sri Muktsar Sahib; ERO AC-86	Revenue	Muktsar subdivision	Via DC office	Appointed Mar 2026 (district site lists 'Gurkiran Deep Singh')	link / link
Not Available	SDM Gidderbaha (ERO AC-84)	Revenue	Gidderbaha subdivision	-	Not Available / Not Verified	link
Not Available	SDM Malout (ERO AC-85)	Revenue	Malout subdivision	-	Not Available / Not Verified	-
Arvind Kumar, PCS (2025)	Chief Minister's Field Officer	CM Office	District	-	Reported 2026	link
Abhijeet Kaplish, IAS (2015)	Former DC (Feb 2025 - Apr 2026)	-	-	-	Now Director, Mines & Geology	link / link
Not Available	DDPO; BDPOs Muktsar, Malout, Lambi, Kot Bhai (Gidderbaha); EOs of the three councils	-	-	-	Not Available / Not Verified	-

EROs for the 2026 Special Intensive Revision: ADC (General) for Lambi; SDM Gidderbaha for AC-84; SDM Sri Muktsar Sahib for AC-86 (link).

12. INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK ANALYSIS

Table 14: Public Facebook pages identified (visible follower counts, 20 November 2026)

Account	Platform	Category	Audience	Note	Src
Sukhbir Singh Badal	Facebook	Politician	25 lakh followers	SAD president (Badal, Lambi)	link
Amarinder Singh Raja Warring	Facebook	Politician	17 lakh followers	Ludhiana MP; Gidderbaha base	link
Harsimrat Kaur Badal	Facebook	Politician	8.5 lakh followers	Bathinda MP	link
Hardeep Singh Dimpy Dhillon	Facebook	Politician	1.4 lakh followers	MLA Gidderbaha; several fan pages (8.1k, 8.8k)	link
Dr Baljit Kaur	Facebook	Politician	91 thousand followers	MLA Malout; 'Team Dr Baljit Kaur' 21k	link
Gurmeet Singh Khuddian	Facebook	Government official (page category)	88 thousand followers	MLA Lambi / minister	link
Sri Muktsar Sahib Police	Facebook	Government organisation	70 thousand followers	Official police page	link
Jagdeep Singh Kaka Brar	Facebook	Politician	39 thousand followers	MLA Muktsar	link
Sher Singh Ghubaya	Facebook	Politician	25 thousand followers	Firozpur MP	link
Sri Muktsar Sahib Online	Facebook	News & media website	23 thousand followers	Local news page	link
Deputy Commissioner Sri Muktsar Sahib	Facebook	Government organisation	10 thousand followers	Official DC page	link
Sarabjeet Singh Khalsa / Roji Barkandi	Facebook	-	No matching page found	Searches returned unrelated or no results	link / link
Instagram	Instagram	-	-	Not reviewed - account not signed in	-

12.1 State-level figures (Sukhbir Badal, Raja Warring, Harsimrat Badal) have far larger audiences than the four MLAs. Among MLAs, Dimpy Dhillon's page is largest, followed by Dr Baljit Kaur, Khuddian and Kaka Brar. No page was found for MP Sarabjeet Singh Khalsa or for Roji Barkandi. Several fan and team pages exist; their links to the leaders are unverified.

12.2 **Instagram:** not reviewed - the browser had no Instagram account signed in, and no login was attempted. **Caution:** follower counts reflect audience size, including users outside the district, and are not a measure of voter support.

13. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC ISSUES

Table 15: Documented issues

Issue	Description	Area	Town / rural	Status	Src
Cotton / pink bollworm	Repeated pink bollworm attacks; farmer unions' indefinite protest at DAC Muktsar for compensation; state deploys nodal officers	Lambi, Malout, Gidderbaha belt	Rural	Recurring; cotton area in Punjab down to about 80,000 ha in 2026	link / link / link / link
Waterlogging	Rain-induced waterlogging damaging cotton and paddy in about 12 Lambi villages	Lambi and south-west villages	Rural	Recurring (seasonal)	link
Rural poll conduct	SAD and Congress alleged rigging, intimidation and nomination rejections in Dec 2025 rural polls	District	Rural	Allegations; not proven	link / link
Municipal governance	Nine of 17 Congress councillors quit over functioning of Muktsar MC president (Jun 2023)	Muktsar town	Town	Historical; council re-elected May 2026	link

Issue	Description	Area	Town / rural	Status	Src
Event management / security	Maghi Mela (13-15 Jan) needs large security and traffic arrangements	Muktsar town	Town	Annual	link
Drugs, roads, water, health, schools, jobs, canal water	No verified district-specific data found in this review	District	-	Not Available / Not Verified - for field survey	-

13.1 Cotton economics (pink bollworm, falling acreage) and seasonal waterlogging dominate rural reporting in this cotton-belt district. Data on drugs, health, schools, roads, drinking water and canal supply specific to the district was not verified and is left to the field survey.

14. MEDIA AND POLITICAL ACTIVITY ANALYSIS

Table 16: Selected media reports, 2022-2026

Date	Source	Description	Leader / authority	Nature	Link
Mar 2022	The Tribune	Close contests in all four Muktsar seats; Congress candidates complain of no campaign support	INC	Fact / reported complaint	link / link
Jun 2023	The Tribune	Nine Congress councillors quit in Muktsar	MC president	Fact	link
8 Jun 2024	The Tribune	Congress third/fourth in Warring's home district	INC	Fact	link
Nov 2024	The Tribune	Warring accepts Gidderbaha verdict	Raja / Amrita Warring	Fact	link
Feb 2025	The Tribune	DC Rajesh Tripathi suspended; vigilance inquiry	State government	Fact (inquiry ordered)	link
13-19 Dec 2025	Babushahi / ThePrint / Lokmat	Rural polls: SAD strong in Muktsar	SAD / SSP	Fact; party claim	link / link / link
Jan 2026	The Statesman	Special DGP reviews Maghi Mela security	Police	Fact	link
Apr 2026	Yugmarg	Amit Kumar Panchal new DC	State government	Fact	link
29-30 May 2026	India TV / ThePrint	Council results: AAP sweeps Muktsar, Gidderbaha	-	Fact	link / link / link
Aug 2026	WebIndia123	Warring addresses supporters in Muktsar amid party tussle	Raja Warring	Fact (speech)	link
2 Oct 2026	ThePrint	Pargat Singh replaces Warring as PPCC chief	INC	Fact	link
31 Oct 2026	Aryan Age	AAP renominates Kaka Brar for Muktsar	AAP	Fact	link

15. PROPOSED FIELD SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE AND METHODOLOGY

15.1 **No fieldwork has been conducted; no findings or percentages are reported.** The separate questionnaire covers twelve topics: overall development, MLA performance, MP performance, roads, water and sanitation, health and education, employment, agriculture (cotton, procurement, canal water, waterlogging), council and panchayat services, welfare schemes, drugs and safety, and future priorities.

Table 17: Proposed sampling plan

Element	Proposal
Sample size	About 1,600 interviews (400 per AC; about +/-5% per AC at 95% confidence)
Urban	About 450: Muktsar, Malout and Gidderbaha towns, wards sampled proportionally
Rural	About 1,150 across at least 60 villages (15 per AC), selected by probability proportional to size within the four blocks
Quotas	Gender, age (18-25 / 26-40 / 41-60 / 60+), occupation; SC share reflected especially in Malout (SC) AC
Method	Face-to-face in Punjabi or Hindi; random start and fixed interval; 10% supervisor back-checks
Reporting	By AC and urban/rural, with dates, achieved sample, refusals, weights and limitations

16. POLITICAL LANDSCAPE AND ELECTION COMPARISON

Table 18: Leading party by election and unit (separate jurisdictions)

AC	Assembly 2017	Assembly 2022	Bypoll 2024	LS 2024 segment	Council 2026
83 Lambi	SAD	AAP	-	SAD	- (no council)
84 Gidderbaha	INC	INC	AAP	AAP of the three parties (IND result Not Available)	AAP 17 of 19
85 Malout (SC)	INC	AAP	-	SAD	AAP 12 of 27 (Verify)
86 Sri Muktsar Sahib	SAD	AAP	-	AAP	AAP 22 of 31

16.1 AAP leads in assembly and urban contests since 2022. The SAD remains competitive in parliamentary and rural contests, particularly in Lambi and Malout. The Congress, despite the district being Warring's home base, has slipped to third place in most contests since 2022, except Malout council. The BJP is a minor force.

16.2 No prediction of the 2027 result is made, and no voter preference is inferred from social-media data.

17. KEY FINDINGS AND RESEARCH LIMITATIONS

Key findings

- AAP holds all four assembly seats (Gidderbaha since the 2024 by-election).
- The SAD led Lambi and Malout segments in 2024 and won 7 of 13 zila parishad zones in December 2025.
- AAP won the Muktsar and Gidderbaha councils in May 2026; Malout was closer.
- The Congress has weakened in the district since 2022 despite holding the Firozpur parliamentary seat.
- Cotton (pink bollworm) and waterlogging are the most documented rural issues.

Limitations

- ECI and Wikipedia pages could not be opened directly; their figures were taken from search extracts and news reports and cross-checked.
- Lambi 2022 votes differ between sources (66,313 vs 65,717). The Lambi 2024 lead differs (22,361 computed vs 23,264 reported).
- Not Available: AC electors and turnout for 2022, BJP and IND segment votes, Malout council final figures, council presidents, block-wise samiti results, ZP chairperson, Bariwala, SDMs of Malout and Gidderbaha, BDPOs, district party presidents.

- Office-holders reflect reports up to 20 Nov 2026; postings change often. The SSP's current posting needs confirmation.
- Instagram was not reviewed; no official maps were available; Census 2011 is the latest census.

18. SOURCES AND REFERENCES

Table 19: Source directory (clickable)

Key	Reference (clickable)
E1	ECI - Result, Punjab Assembly 2022, AC-83 Lambi
E2	ECI - Result, Punjab Assembly 2022, AC-84 Gidderbaha
E3	ECI - Result, Punjab Assembly 2022, AC-85 Malout (SC)
E4	ECI - Result, Punjab Assembly 2022, AC-86 Sri Muktsar Sahib
E5	Wikipedia - Lambi Assembly constituency (2022: 66,313 vs 54,917; 2017 margin 22,770)
E6	Wikipedia - Gidderbaha Assembly constituency (2022 margin 1,349; 2017 margin 16,212)
E7	Wikipedia - Malout Assembly constituency (2022 and 2017 results)
E8	Wikipedia - Sri Muktsar Sahib Assembly constituency (2022 and 2017 results)
E9	OneIndia - Lambi 2022 result (India TV gives 65,717 vs 54,360; margin 11,357 - discrepancy)
E10	The Tribune, Mar 2022 - Muktsar contestants slug it out (2022 candidates)
E11	The Tribune, Mar 2022 - Left to fend for ourselves, rue Muktsar Congress candidates
B1	ECI - Bye-election Nov 2024, AC-84 Gidderbaha
B2	The Tribune, Nov 2024 - Raja Warring accepts mandate; Amrita says it's defeat of women
L1	ECI - Lok Sabha 2024, PC-11 Bathinda
L2	ECI - Lok Sabha 2024, PC-9 Faridkot (SC)
L3	ECI - Lok Sabha 2024, PC-10 Firozpur
L4	The Tribune, 8 Jun 2024 - In PCC chief Warring's home district Muktsar, Congress performs poorly (segment votes)
L5	Wikipedia mirror - 2024 Indian general election in Punjab (turnout by PC)
L6	The Tribune, Jun 2024 - After poll euphoria, daggers out in Congress (Gidderbaha: Congress third)
M1	India TV, 29 May 2026 - Sri Muktsar Sahib MC results (ward-wise)
M2	India TV, 29 May 2026 - Gidderbaha MC results live (about 65% polling)
M3	India TV, 30 May 2026 - AAP 958 of 1,977 wards; Gidderbaha AAP 17 of 19
M4	ThePrint, May 2026 - Municipal polls: Congress did well in councils incl. Malout
M5	Hindustan Times (PressReader), 18 Feb 2021 - Congress won Muktsar, Malout; Gidderbaha 18 of 19
M6	The Tribune, Jun 2023 - Nine Congress councillors quit in Muktsar (MC president Shammi Tehria)
M7	India TV - Punjab Municipal Election Results 2026 topic page
R1	ThePrint, 18 Dec 2025 - ZP/PS results: SAD won 7 of 13 Muktsar ZP zones, 48 of 95 samiti zones
R2	Lokmat Times, 19 Dec 2025 - Sukhbir Badal: SAD won 2 of 2 ZP and 17 of 20 samiti seats in Muktsar AC
R3	Babushahi, 13 Dec 2025 - 334 polling stations, 629 booths in Muktsar district (SSP)
R4	The Tribune, Oct 2024 - Minister's nephew elected sarpanch of Khuddian Gulab Singh
R5	Sunday Guardian, 21 Dec 2025 - SAD and Congress allege rigging in rural polls
A1	Yugmarg, 7 Apr 2026 - Amit Kumar Panchal posted DC Sri Muktsar Sahib, replacing Abhijeet Kaplish
A2	The Secretariat - Amit Kumar Panchal, IAS 2016, DC Sri Muktsar Sahib
A3	The Tribune, Feb 2025 - DC Rajesh Tripathi suspended; Abhijit Kaplish appointed
A4	District website - Contact Us (DC office 01633-263643)
A5	The Tribune - Abhimanyu Rana posted SSP Muktsar
A6	The Statesman, Jan 2026 - Special DGP review with DIG Nilambari Jagdale and SSP Abhimanyu Rana
A7	The Secretariat - Davy Goyal, IAS 2022, ADC (General) Sri Muktsar Sahib
A8	The Statesman - Devi Goyal ADC (RD) with additional charge ADC (General)
A9	Babushahi, 17 Mar 2026 - Gurkiran Singh Sidhu appointed SDM Sri Muktsar Sahib
A10	District website - ERO/AERO list and SIR schedule 2026
A11	District website - home page (district profile, population)
A12	Elets eGov - Arvind Kumar PCS, CM's Field Officer, Sri Muktsar Sahib
P1	Aryan Age, 31 Oct 2026 - AAP first list for 2027 (Muktsar: Jagdeep Singh Kaka Brar)
P2	ThePrint, 2 Oct 2026 - Pargat Singh appointed PPCC chief

Key	Reference (clickable)
P3	ThePrint, Aug 2026 - Punjab BJP chief Dhillon announces office-bearers
P4	WebIndia123, 4 Aug 2026 - Warring addresses supporters in Sri Muktsar Sahib
P5	The Tribune, Jun 2024 - Congress's stellar show raises Warring's stature
I1	The Tribune - Cotton farmers start indefinite protest in Muktsar over pink bollworm compensation
I2	The Tribune - Waterlogging worries Lambi farmers (12 villages)
I3	Punjab IPR - Pink bollworm management; 264 nodal officers in SW districts
I4	The Tribune - Department fails to bring 50k ha under cotton in Muktsar
I5	CropGPT, Jul 2026 - Punjab cotton area down to 80,000 ha in 2026
I6	Babushahi, 12 Jan 2026 - Security review for Maghi Mela, Sri Muktsar Sahib
F1	Facebook - pages search 'Sri Muktsar Sahib' (20 Nov 2026)
F2	Facebook - pages search 'Gurmeet Khuddian'
F3	Facebook - pages search 'Dimpy Dhillon'
F4	Facebook - pages search 'Dr Baljit Kaur Malout'
F5	Facebook - pages search 'Kaka Brar Muktsar'
F6	Facebook - pages search 'Harsimrat Kaur Badal'
F7	Facebook - pages search 'Sukhbir Singh Badal'
F8	Facebook - pages search 'Amarinder Singh Raja Warring'
F9	Facebook - pages search 'Sher Singh Ghubaya'
F10	Facebook - pages search 'Sri Muktsar Sahib Police'
F11	Facebook - pages search 'Sarabjeet Singh Khalsa Faridkot' (no matching page)
F12	Facebook - pages search 'Roji Barkandi' (no result)

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