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Governor should take up matters with me: Punjab CM

Amarinder reacts to summoning of officials

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Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh on Saturday took exception to Governor V.P. Singh Badnore's summoning of the State's top administrative brass instead of seeking a report directly from him, as Home Minister, on the law and order situation.

The Chief Minister said the propaganda of the Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) on the collapse of law and order in the State was nothing more than a tactic to divert attention from the farm laws issue. If the Governor had any concerns on the situation, he should have taken up the matter directly with him, the Chief Minister, as he was the custodian of the Home portfolio.

Capt. Amarinder was reacting to the Governor summoning the Punjab Chief Secretary and Director General of Police (DGP) to question them on the alleged law and order problems in the State amid sporadic incidents of damage to some mobile towers.

Capt. Amarinder accused the State BJP leadership of "adding fuel to the fire with their irresponsible statements". He termed it a vicious game plan of the BJP to undermine the farmers' peaceful



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agitation by terming "a few minor incidents of damage to some mobile towers as a law and order problem".

"These damaged towers can be and are being repaired, but what about the lives of the farmers lost in the bitter cold at the Delhi borders, where they continue to fight for their rights amid total apathy from the BJP-led government at the Centre?" asked the Chief Minister.

He expressed shock over the fact that not a single BJP leader had expressed concern over the deaths of protesting farmers, including some by suicide.

"The lost lives cannot be recovered," he pointed out, asking Punjab BJP leaders to stop politicising a peaceful agitation with their comments.