

Kangana slapped by female constable at Chandigarh airport

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Online Desk : Newly elected BJP MP and actor Kangana Ranaut was slapped by a Central Industrial Security Force constable in Chandigarh airport, allegedly over “disrespecting farmers,” reports NDTV. Ms Ranaut, who won the Lok Sabha election from Himachal Pradesh’s Mandi, was about to board a flight for Delhi when the incident happened.

The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) constable who allegedly slapped the new MP has been identified as Kulwinder Kaur. She has been suspended, and a first information report (FIR) has been filed against her. After slapping Ms Ranaut, the paramilitary constable allegedly told the actor-turned-MP it was for “disrespecting farmers”, alluding to the 15-month-long protest by farmers against the (now scrapped) farm laws and other issues including a legal guarantee of minimum support price in 2020-21. Mobile footage shows Ms Ranaut being escorted by a ring of security officers towards the security check-in, where she is seen talking to some CISF officers. The CISF Commandant has taken note of the incident, and is questioning the constable, sources said. One of her aides has also informed the local police, sources said. Ms Ranaut did not talk to reporters after landing in Delhi. Earlier today, she had posted a photo on Instagram captioned, “On my way to parliament. Mandi ki sansad.”

In a video statement on X later this evening, Ms Ranaut said she is safe, but is concerned about rising terrorism in Punjab. “I am safe. I am perfectly fine. The incident happened at the security check-in. The woman guard waited for me to cross. She then came from the side and hit me. She started throwing expletives. I asked why she hit me. She said ‘I support farmers’. I am safe, but my concern is terrorism is rising in Punjab. How do we handle that?” Ms Ranaut said. In February 2021, international pop star Rihanna had posted on X (then Twitter) a swipe at the Centre over the farmers’ protest, saying, “Why aren’t we talking about this?”

To this, Ms Ranaut had responded, “No one is talking about it because they are not farmers, they are terrorists who are trying to divide India, so that China can take over our vulnerable broken nation and make it a Chinese colony much like the USA... Sit down you fool, we are not selling our nation like you dummies.” Ms Kangana had later deleted the post.