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Title: Demand to make Chandigarh, the Sole Capital of Punjab.

**\*SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA (AMRITSAR):** Thank you, Hon'ble Speaker Sir. I want to draw your attention towards an important problem of Punjab.

In 1947, Punjab was divided into two parts – Indian Punjab and Pakistani Punjab. The capital of undivided Punjab Lahore also became a part of Pakistan. Chandigarh was made the new capital of Punjab. But, in 1966, when Haryana came into existence, then Chandigarh was declared the joint capital of Punjab and Haryana. The administrative structure was divided in the ratio of 60% & 40%.

Sir, during the farmers' movement, the brotherhood between Punjab and Haryana has increased. We are like elder and younger brothers. Peace in this region is helpful in strengthening the country.

I urge upon the Central Government that Chandigarh be made the sole capital of Punjab and Haryana should be given funds to construct a new capital city. It will help foster friendly relations between the two states and that will strengthen India. Indo-Pak border runs through Punjab. Punjab has been at the vanguard in the national movement and struggle for independence. Punjab has contributed maximum foodgrains in the central pool of the country.

I hope, central government will act on our request and grant Chandigarh to Punjab, and Haryana will be given funds for constructing a new capital city.

Thank you.