

Regarding pollution of Buddha Nullah, a tributary of Sutlej river due to untreated industrial effluents in Punjab-Laid

SHRI AMRINDER SINGH RAJA WARRING (LUDHIANA): I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards Buddha Nullah, once known as Buddha Dariya, a tributary of the Sutlej River passes through Ludhiana. Once a source of life, it is now severely polluted, primarily due to untreated industrial effluents and sewage. The water, blackened by contaminants, is not fit for irrigation and poses significant health risks to nearby residents. Local reports link the pollution to rising cases of cancer and other serious health issues in the area. A Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) report reveals that 54 dyeing units in Ludhiana are not connected to Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs) and continue to discharge untreated waste into the Nullah. Even the operational CETPs fail to comply with discharge norms, aggravating the pollution. Despite orders from the National Green Tribunal (NGT) to enforce environmental standards and penalize violators, implementation remains inadequate. To combat this issue, immediate attention is needed. The Government must prioritize restoring Buddha Nullah to safeguard public health and protect the environment. It is the need of the hour to enforce compliance and ensure accountability in this escalating crisis.