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Title: Need to lay a pipeline for supply of water from Bhakra main line to Chandigarh to address the water scarcity in the city.

SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER (CHANDIGARH): Madam Speaker, I rise to bring to your notice and to the notice of the House the water problems of my Lok Sabha Constituency.

Chandigarh is one of the most densely populated areas of the country. The population of this Union Territory has been growing at 40 per cent per decade. The water needs of my Constituency are also only increasing. By 2025, the population of Chandigarh is projected to grow by nearly 25 lakhs. It is estimated that by 2025, the water demand will be 800 million litres per day, an increase of 58 per cent over 2011 demand of 494.25 million litres per day. The demand-supply gap in 2025 is expected to be over 330 million litres per day.

Presently, Chandigarh gets about 29 cusecs of water from the Bhakra main line as per the Water Sharing Agreement of 1983. This is simply not enough. हमारी जो रीसैटलमेंट कालोनीज हैं जैसे धनास और अन्य, वहां वृद्ध स्त्रियों को भी तीन-तीन, चार-चार मंजिल पानी की बाल्टी टैंकरों से उठाकर ले जानी पड़ती है। पानी की बहुत किल्लत है। मेन सैक्टर्स में भी पानी दिन में दो बार आता है। सुबह चढ़ाएं, शाम चढ़ाएं, बहुत परेशानी है। The Administration is trying to have rain harvesting to increase the ground water level.

लेकिन हमें भाखड़ा मेन लाइन से और पानी की सख्त जरूरत है।

I would request the Government of India, particularly the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Water Resource to speak to the Governments of Punjab and Haryana to ensure that a dedicated pipeline from the Bhakra main line is provided for Chandigarh. This has been a long standing demand and without this, the state of India's first planned city will deteriorate in the coming years.