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Title: Need to stop discharge of sewage water and industrial waste into Indira Gandhi Nahar Project seriously affecting the health of people in Western Rajasthan particularly in Barmer and Jaisalmer districts.

COL. SONARAM CHOUDHARY (BARMER): This is regarding discharge of contaminated water in Indira Gandhi Nahar Project (IGNP) at Harike Barrage. IGNP is a life-line for western Rajasthan especially to the districts of Bikaner, Hanumangarh, Ganganagar, Barmer and Jaisalmer for irrigation and drinking water.

It is sad to bring to your kind notice that polluted and waste water of Ludhiana city, sewage water and industrial waste of Jalandhar, Nakodar and Phagwara is being flown into Sutlej river through *Budha ka Nallah*, *Kalliben Nallah* and upstream of Harike Barrage. This polluted water being used for drinking purposes, the people of these districts especially Jaisalmer and Barmer are suffering from water-borne diseases.

The Government of Rajasthan has made numerous requests to the Government of Punjab, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). CPCB has also visited the affected areas and confirmed that polluted water is being supplied to western Rajasthan districts. CPCB has also taken up this with Punjab State Pollution Board but to no avail.

I, therefore, request the hon. Prime Minister through you to issue instructions to CPCB and the Government of Punjab to stop supplying polluted water in Indira Gandhi Nahar Project to mitigate the serious health problems of western Rajasthan districts especially Barmer and Jaisalmer.