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Title: Regarding discharge of polluted water into Indira Gandhi Nahar Project in Rajasthan.

COL. SONARAM CHOUDHARY (BARMER): This is regarding discharge of contaminated water in Indira Gandhi Nagar Project (IGNP) at Harika Barrage. IGNP is life line for Western Rajasthan especially Districts of Bikaner, Hanunamgarh, Shri Ganganagar, Jaisalmer and Barmer for irrigation and drinking Water.

It is sad to bring to the kind notice of the Government that polluted and waste water of Ludhiana City, sewage water and industrial waste of Jalandhar, Nokodar and Phagwara is being flown into Sutlaj River through Budha ka Nallah, Kalliben Nallah and upstream of Harika Barrage. Due to polluted water, which is used for drinking purposes, the people of these districts, especially Jaisalmer and Barmer are suffering from water borne diseases.

Government of Rajasthan has made numerous requests to Government of Punjab and Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). CPCB had also visited the affected areas and confirmed that polluted water is being supplied to Western Districts of Rajasthan.

I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Prime Minister to issue instructions to CPCB and Government of Punjab to stop supplying polluted water in IGNP to mitigate the serious health problems of Western Rajasthan Districts, especially Barmer and Jaisalmer.