

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding people suffering from deadly disease due to contaminated water problem in Ferozpur and other district of Pubjab.

SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA (AMRITSAR): Thank you, Sir. Punjab is known as the land of Gurus. Air is akin to Guru, water is like father and land is like mother. We need a clean environment. Guru Nanak Dev ji had centuries ago written these words. But, today, in Tehsil Jira of Ferozepur district at Mansoorwal, a Malkos private Inter-national liquor company has been set up here. For the last 5 months, people of the area, including children and women are agitating. Mansoorwala, Ratanrohi, Maiyaa, Sodhiwala, Sekwaan – the water in these villages has been contaminated badly. People are dying of cancer and other diseases due to polluted water. People have been compelled to agitate. The D.C of the area takes notice of the liquor factory, NGT sends a report after two months. Why has the polluted water started coming from below the surface of ground.

Sir, people are dying due to consumption of contaminated water. The agitation is going on. However, no one is ready to help these hapless people. Today, over 200 agitating elders, children and women have been put behind bars. Where should the people go? People are dying. It is not a matter of only Ferozepur. Situation is similar in Ludhiana, Amritsar and Garhshankar.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, to get at the root of the problem, a parliamentary committee should probe the entire problem by visitng these affected areas. The committee should include all MPs from Punjab, so that we can table a report about this here. Please, Sir, this is a serious matter. The government should take cognizance of the issue and take proper action...

HON. CHAIRPERSON: Please sit down. You can associate. Please complete.

SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA: Sir, please save our land and our people.

Thank you

माननीय सभापति: माननीय सदस्य, आप बैठ जाइए । आप क्यों बोल रहे हैं?

... (व्यवधान)

माननीय सभापति: आप बाद में एसोसिएट कर दीजिएगा ।

... (व्यवधान)

माननीय सभापति: माननीय सदस्य, आप कंप्लीट कीजिए ।

... (व्यवधान)

SEVERAL HON. MEMBERS: Sir, we all associate with the matter raised by Shri Aujla.... (*Interruptions*)

HON. CHAIRPERSON: Please send your slips.