

**Title: Need to allocate adequate funds for early completion of Indira Gandhi Nahar Project in Rajasthan -Laid.**

**COL. (RETD.) SONA RAM CHOUDHARY (BARMER):** I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards Indira Gandhi Nahar Project which was started during early fifties. This project being the life line for drought-prone districts – Barmer, Jaisalmer, Pali, Nagaur, Bikaner and Jodhpur of Western Rajasthan – needs to be completed early. This Nahar Project has crossed Jaisalmer and entered Barmer, but due to non-release of funds by the Central Government the construction work on this National Project has come to a standstill.

As you are aware, Sir, this year out of 32 districts of Rajasthan, 31 districts have been declared drought affected and are reeling under severe drought. The Western portion of Rajasthan has been under drought for the third consecutive year. The Indira Gandhi Nahar Project is of great help by way of production of fodder for animals and water for irrigation and drinking purposes.

I request the Union Government to allocate sufficient funds for this national project for its early consumption.