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**Title:** Need to resolve water and other pending disputes between Punjab and Haryana.

**SHRI BHAN SINGH BHAURA (BHATINDA):** Sir, *The Tribune* of March 7, 2001 carried a news item with the heading 'PM warns of water shortage etc.' According to the report, hon. Prime Minister has called upon Haryana Chief Minister to convene a meeting of the Chief Ministers of Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and Himachal Pradesh to formulate joint policies for resolving the water disputes and for integrated development of the region.

The Prime Minister should have taken the initiative to convene the meeting of the Chief Ministers concerned and he is competent enough to do so.

Therefore, I demand that the hon. Prime Minister himself convene a meeting of the Chief Ministers to resolve not only the water dispute but also the issue of handing over Chandigarh and other Punjabi-speaking areas to the State of Punjab.

13.32 hrs

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned for Lunch till Fourteen of the Clock.*

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