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Subject: The issue of Punjab's water crisis must be a priority for everyone

Dear residents of Punjab,

On behalf of the Sarbat Khalsa Jathebandi, we humbly make a serious appeal to everyone that today Punjab's water crisis is not merely an environmental issue, but has become a question of life and death connected to Punjab's existence, agriculture, health, and the future of coming generations. Punjab, which was once called the land of five rivers, is today suffering under the rapid depletion of groundwater, the pollution of rivers, and the impact of toxic water.

Government and scientific data are warning that Punjab is extracting far more water than its annual groundwater recharge. According to several reports, groundwater extraction in Punjab has reached approximately 156%. In many areas of central Punjab, concern has been raised that the water level is falling by about 1 metre or more every year. These figures are not merely on paper; they are a reality being felt in the wells, tube wells, and homes of every village.

One reason for this crisis is also the cropping system that has become a compulsion for Punjab. Farmers are not moving towards water-intensive crops by choice, but because of economic compulsion. Governments must ensure reliable MSP and assured procurement for 23 crops, as promised. Only when MSP and procurement guarantees are provided for maize, pulses, oilseeds, millet, and other low-water requiring crops will farmers be able to move fearlessly towards crop diversification. The discussion about saving water should not be held by blaming farmers, but by giving them economic security.

We appeal to the entire sangat to stop the wastage of water, conserve rainwater, form water-conservation committees at the village level, plant and protect trees, and raise a united voice against factories or projects that pollute water.

This serious issue must be a priority for everyone. Unfortunately, in today's vote-bank narrative, it does not appear to be a priority for any political party. The people of Punjab will have to rise themselves and raise this issue in every street and corner. In this regard, the Sarbat Khalsa Jathebandi warmly appreciates all environmental lovers associated with "Pind Bachao, Punjab Bachao" for organizing seminar on the water crisis.

Sangat ji, without challenging the unholy alliance of capitalism and politics, we cannot move towards a solution to this issue. Punjabis have always shown tremendous courage in protecting their land, forests, and waters. The united voice of the people to save the Mattewara forest has proved that Punjabis can stand up for the protection of nature. Similarly, in the case of the Zira factory, people carried out a long struggle against water and soil pollution. These struggles tell us that if the people of Punjab understand the seriousness of the issue, they will not remain dependent on governments to resolve such problems.

Let us all come together and walk on the path of seva, unity, and struggle blessed by the Guru Sahibs, in order to protect Punjab's water, forests, fields, and future generations. Today's silence can become tomorrow's destruction. Therefore, now is the right time: to save Punjab, to save water, and to fulfil our responsibility.

In the interest of the Kaum, guided by Gurmat,

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