

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1508
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.01.2018

Impact of coal importing industries in Goa

1508. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards a report that many big industries which currently import huge amounts of coal at Goa, are putting entire habitations in villages and towns at risk as coal dust is damaging lungs and pushing up incidents of respiratory disorder and also threatening fragile forests, paddy fields, countless streams and rivers; and
- (b) if so, Government's response and reaction thereto?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) & (b) According to the Goa State Pollution Control Board, the ambient air quality index at some locations range from moderately polluted to satisfactory. The State Pollution Control Board is regularly monitoring the ambient air quality. Measures taken for control and abatement of air pollution include monitoring, formulation of emission standards for various industrial sectors, besides general environmental standards and incorporation of specific measures, as part of environmental clearance and consent to establish/operate, etc.
