GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1810 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.12.2022

Pollution from the crematoriums

1810. SMT. VANDANA CHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that the crematoriums are a major contributor to airpollution;
- (b) if so, the action taken to mitigate it and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government is planning to develop any enforceable standards or guidelines forcrematoria, specifically for those in urban areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) to (d)

As per the available Source Apportionments study reports from 2018 to 2022, no such contribution in air pollution is observed from crematoriums. The development of guidelines on environment management for crematoria has been taken up by Central Pollution Control Board.
