

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2023

Air pollution in mining areas

836. SMT. MAHUA MAJI:

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to set up mobile stations in addition to the existing permanent monitoring stations across the country to measure air quality in view of the increasing air pollution from mining in mineral-rich States like Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the names of the States and the places where these mobile stations are proposed to be set up; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c)

In order to monitor the continuous air quality of project sites in coal mining areas / washeries, a condition for installing the Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (CAAQMS) is prescribed by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) in the Environment Clearance. Ambient air quality monitoring network of the country consists of 1429 stations (Manual + CAAQM Stations) at present, covering 511 cities in 28 States and 7 Union Territories (UTs). PM_{2.5} is monitored in 928 stations in 370 cities.

Further, Government has launched National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) in 2019 as a national level strategy to reduce air pollution levels across the country. Under NCAP, CPCB has identified 131 cities (including 123 non-attainment cities exceeding National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), which were notified to protect human health) including Dhanbad, Ranchi and Jamshedpur cities of Jharkhand State and other states too. The List of 131 cities (NAC + 8 Million-plus cities) is enclosed at **Annexure – I**.

City Specific Clean Air Action Plans have been prepared and rolled out for implementation in these 131 non-attainment/million plus cities to improve the air quality. These plans target city specific air polluting sources like soil & road dust, vehicles, domestic fuel, MSW burning, construction material and industries with short-term priority action as well as those to be implemented in a medium to longer time frame along with the responsible agencies.

ANNEXURE-I

List of 131 Cities (123 NAC & 8 MP)

S. No.	States & UTs	S. No.	City/Town
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1	Anantapur
		2	Chittoor
		3	Eluru
		4	Guntur
		5	Kadapa
		6	Kurnool
		7	Nellore
		8	Ongole
		9	Rajahmundry
		10	Srikakulam
		11	Vijaywada
		12	Vishakhapatnam
		13	Vizianagaram
2	Assam	14	Guwahati
		15	Nagaon
		16	Nalbari
		17	Silchar
		18	Sivasagar
3	Bihar	19	Gaya
		20	Muzaffarpur
		21	Patna
4	Chandigarh (UT)	22	Chandigarh
5	Chattisgarh	23	Durg-Bhillainagar
		24	Korba
		25	Raipur
6	Delhi (UT)	26	Delhi
7	Gujarat	27	Ahmedabad
		28	Rajkot
		29	Surat
		30	Vadodara
8	Haryana	31	Faridabad
9	Himachal Pradesh	32	Baddi
		33	Damtal
		34	Kala Amb
		35	Nalagarh
		36	Paonta Sahib
		37	Parwanoo
		38	Sunder Nagar
10	Jammu & Kashmir (UT)	39	Jammu
		40	Srinagar
11	Jharkhand	41	Dhanbad
		42	Jamshedpur
		43	Ranchi
12	Karnataka	44	Bangalore
		45	Devanagere
		46	Gulbarga / Kalaburgi
		47	Hubli-Dharwad
13	Madhya Pradesh	48	Bhopal
		49	Dewas
		50	Gwalior
		51	Indore

S. No.	States & UTs	S. No.	City/Town
		52	Jabalpur
		53	Sagar
		54	Ujjain
14	Maharashtra	55	Akola
		56	Amravati
		57	Aurangabad
		58	Badlapur
		59	Chandrapur
		60	Jalgaon
		61	Jalna
		62	Kolhapur
		63	Latur
		64	Mumbai
		65	Nagpur
		66	Nashik
		67	Navi Mumbai
		68	Pune
		69	Sangli
		70	Solapur
		71	Thane
		72	Ulhasnagar
		73	Vasai-Virar
15	Meghalaya	74	Byrnihat
16	Nagaland	75	Dimapur
		76	Kohima
17	Odisha	77	Angul
		78	Balasore
		79	Bhubneshwar
		80	Cuttack
		81	Kalinga Nagar
		82	Rourkela
		83	Talcher
18	Punjab	84	Amritsar
		85	Dera Baba Nanak
		86	DeraBassi
		87	MandiGobindgarh
		88	Jalandhar
		89	Khanna
		90	Ludhiana
		91	NayaNangal
		92	Patiala
19	Rajasthan	93	Alwar
		94	Jaipur
		95	Jodhpur
		96	Kota
		97	Udaipur
20	Tamilnadu	98	Chennai
		99	Madurai
		100	Trichy
		101	Tuticorin / Thoothukudi
21	Telangana	102	Hyderabad
		103	Nalgonda
		104	Patancheru
		105	Sangareddy
22	Uttar Pradesh	106	Agra
		107	Allahabad

S. No.	States & UTs	S. No.	City/Town
		108	Anpara
		109	Bareilly
		110	Firozabad
		111	Gajraula
		112	Ghaziabad
		113	Gorakpur
		114	Jhansi
		115	Kanpur
		116	Khurja
		117	Lucknow
		118	Meerut
		119	Moradabad
		120	Noida
		121	Raebareli
		122	Varanasi
23	Uttarakhand	123	Dehradun
		124	Kashipur
		125	Rishikesh
24	West Bengal	126	Asansol
		127	Barrackpore
		128	Durgapur
		129	Haldia
		130	Howrah
		131	Kolkata