

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1001
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.11.2016

Categorization of Industries

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

- (a) whether the Government has re-categorised the industries based on the level of their pollution load and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government, as per the revised pollution index has placed the steel and fertilizer industries in any of the categories and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the pollution score of IFFCO, PPL and IOCL established in Paradip region of Jagatsinghpur in Odisha as per the revised pollution index?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

- (a) Pursuant to a proposal received from Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), the Ministry has approved a new concept for categorization of industries based on the relative pollution potential of the industrial sectors. As per the new concept, Pollution Index scores have been worked out based on the emissions (air pollutants), effluents (water pollutants), hazardous wastes generated and consumption of resources, for various industrial categories. Based on the relative scores, the industries have been categorized as Red category having score more than or equal to 60, Orange category having score between 41 to 59, Green category having score between 21 to 40 and White category having score less than 20.
- (b) As per the revised categorization of industries, the industrial sectors *viz.* “Iron & Steel (involving processing from ore/ integrated steel plants) and or Sponge Iron units” and “Fertilizer (basic) (excluding formulation)” are covered under Red category.
- (c) The Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) and Paradip Phosphates Limited (PPL) are fertiliser units while Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Paradip is a crude oil refinery and are covered under the Red category. As per the revised categorisation of industries, the fertiliser sector and oil refineries have been assigned pollution index scores of 90 and 95 respectively.
