

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 345  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017**

**PROGRAMMES ON ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ISSUES**

**345. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:**

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is running any programmes on environmental health issues;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of activities conducted, funds allocated and spent under such schemes/programmes, State/UT-wise during the last three years?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has constituted an Environment and Climate Change Cell under the Dte. General of Health Services. An Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. V.M.Katoch, Ex-DG and Secretary, Department of Health Research has also been constituted for a Plan of Action for Climate Change and Human Health. A Centre for Environment and Climate has also been established in the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC). The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is not running any National Programme on Environment Health.

The Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change has undertaken certain programmes/research proposals on environmental health issues. Details of the proposals, funds sanctioned and released are as under:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of Research proposal</b>	<b>Fund Sanctioned (in Rs.)</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> installment released (in Rs.)</b>
<b>1.</b>	Bioavailability of Dioxin like Polychlorinated biphenyls, Dioxins and Furans released due to combustion of electronic waste in Chennai: Implications for Risk Assessment	43,71,720	24,78,600
<b>2.</b>	Development of GIS based decision support system for Health Impact Assessment due to Anthropogenic Pollution in River Yamuna	35,28,996	25,47,348
<b>3.</b>	Estimating mercury levels and exposure for pregnant women and new Born Babies in selected coastal and interior South Indian cities: first step towards building a database on risk from mercury pollution in India	15,47,000	5,26,660
	<b>Total</b>	<b>94,47,716</b>	<b>55,52,608</b>