

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. \*117**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.06.2019**

**Pollution in Kanpur**

\*117. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

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

- (a) whether Kanpur is at 109th position in the list of the most polluted cities of the world, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether high levels of pollution is spreading in the Sandila and Bilhaur Assembly constituencies of Misrikh District of Uttar Pradesh and other neighbouring Districts of Kanpur and Jajmau from the factory emissions which are causing ailments to the people in these areas;
- (c) whether several crops are also being damaged due to water pollution, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any steps to make the said area and the adjacent rivers pollution free, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)**

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARAS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 117 FOR 28.06.2019 REGARDING “POLLUTION IN KANPUR” RAISED BY SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT**

- (a) The World Health Organization (WHO) released the WHO Global Ambient Air Quality Database (update 2018) which consists of mainly annual means for PM<sub>10</sub> and/or PM<sub>2.5</sub>, covering more than 4000 human settlements in 108 countries for the years from 2010 to 2016. Kanpur figures as one of the cities with high levels of PM<sub>2.5</sub> in this list published by WHO. Taking cognizance of the high PM in Kanpur, it has been included as one of the high priority cities for focused interventions under NCAP.
- (b) There are 04 potential polluting industries operational in UPSIDC, industrial area, Sandila, District-Hardoi. These industrial units are equipped with adequate air pollution control devices to control emissions. Mishrikh is far away from Kanpur in northerly direction. Only one Sugar mill is situated there, which is a seasonal industry and has installed adequate air & water pollution control systems.
- (c) No such information is available with CPCB.
- (d) In order to control water pollution in Kanpur, following steps have been taken:
- Dedicated team constituted and office established by UPPCB at Jajmau and Unnao for day to day monitoring of tanneries and drains. Inspection report regularly submitted by DM to State Govt. of UP.
  - Weekly monitoring of 24 drains Bio-remediation adopted in domestic drains (5 nos.) resulting in 10-30% reduction in BOD
  - Conveyance Channel, Pumping Stations and Rising mains of CETP at Jajmau repaired for better performance
  - Proposed 20 MLD CETP for Jajmau tannery cluster approved by NMCG, work has been awarded.
  - As CETP Jajmau was not-complying with norms, all tanneries except 28 at Jajmau are closed since Dec 2018 by UPPCB.
  - CPCB issued directions dated 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 to UPPCB u/s 18(1)(b) to take necessary action on pollution control in identified drains.
  - CPCB issued directions dated 10<sup>th</sup> May and 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 to UPPCB to ensure that:
    - All tanneries units connected to CETPs follow PETP norms for discharge of effluent into CETPs
    - CETPs should meet discharge norms at outlet
    - If CETPs does not meet discharge norms, operational capacity of member tanneries to be reduced to meet CETP discharge norms
    - Tanneries which do not meet PETP norms or do not operate at reduced capacity, shall be closed
  - Joint Monitoring of CETPs at Jajmau (Kanpur), Banthar and Site - II in Unnao carried out during May 20-25, 2019. All 3 CETPs non-compliant at outlet.
  - UPPCB issued direction vide letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 to immediately stop operation of all member tanneries of CETPs at Banthar and site-II in Unnao.
  - CPCB issued directions dated 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019 to UPPCB u/s 18(1)(b) regarding pollution in River Ganga in stretch Bithoor to Fatehpur.

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