

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4350
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2019

Discharge of Polluted Water from Meat Factories

4350. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

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

- (a) whether the polluted water discharged from meat factories is released into the nearby farms which pollutes purity of groundwater and affects the citizens living in the surrounding areas with serious ailments like Cancer, Jaundice, Hepatitis B and Kidney related diseases;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

(a) to (c) Under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has notified general standards as well as industry specific effluent standards for 'Slaughter House, Meat & Sea Food Industry', specifying the quality of effluents that can be discharged from these industries. These standards are enforced by the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) and Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) through consent mechanism. Industries are required to carry out regular monitoring through approved third party agencies and submit inspection reports to the respective SPCBs/ PCCs. Central Pollution Control Board as well as SPCBs and PCCs carry out inspections of the industries to verify their compliance. To ensure compliance, appropriate directions are issued under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act 1986 to non-complying units and under section 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 to SPCBs/ PCCs.

In addition to these, Government has taken various initiatives to check water pollution, *inter alia*, include setting up of monitoring network for assessment of water quality; installation of Online Continuous Effluent Monitoring systems (OCEMS) to check the discharge of effluent directly into water bodies; promotion of cleaner production processes; installation of Common Effluent Treatment Plants for cluster of Small Scale Industrial units; etc.
