GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2023
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2022

Most Polluted Cities

2023. SHRI JUAL ORAM:
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified the most polluted cities/towns in the country;
(b) whether the Government has any proposal to stop the increasing pollution level of those cities and towns and if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard;
(c) the details of such cities in the country including the level of pollution increased during the last two years and the reasons therefor, State-wise; and
(d) whether the Government has devised any strategy to reduce the pollution level in future and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a), (b),(c) &(d):
Ministry of Environment Forest &Climate Change (MoEF&CC) launched National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) in January, 2019, which is a time-bound, national level strategy for prevention, control and abatement of air pollution. Under NCAP, it has been envisaged to achieve targets of 20 to 30 % reduction in Particulate Matter concentration by 2024 in 131 cities.

NCAP strategy includes the following actions:
(i) Clean Air Action Plans at National, State and City levels for source specific mitigation actions;
(ii) Financial incentive structure for targeted cities linked with air quality improvement performance (49 cities under XVth Finance Commission grants and 82 cities funded under NCAP)
(iii) Coordinated actions by Central Ministries and State Governments and their agencies;
(iv) Convergence of resources from schemes of Central Government, State Government and Urban Local Bodies;
(v) Building of a mass movement – Jan Andolan.

Details of air quality status in 131 cities during FY 2020-21 and 2021-22 are enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

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Ambient Air Quality status of 131Cities under NCAP
Annexure I

States	Sl. No.	Cities	Average concentration (F.Y.) of PM_{10} ($\mu g/m^3$)	Average concentration (F.Y.) of PM_{10} ($\mu g/m^3$)
			FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
Andhra Pradesh	1	Anantpur	58	52
	2	Chittur	41	49
	3	Eluru	58	65
	4	Guntur	56	58
	5	Kadapa	50	54
	6	Kurnool	52	61
	7	Nellore	56	55
	8	Ongole	49	52
	9	Rajamahendravaram	69	68
	10	Srikakulam	66	75
	11	Vijayawada	56	67
	12	Visakhapatnam	104	98
	13	Vizhianagaram	63	71
Assam	14	Guwahati	114	103
	15	Nagaon	90	104
	16	Nalbari	57	99
	17	Silchar	43	45
	18	Sivasagar	48	47
Bihar	19	Patna	143	145
	20	Gaya	71	97
	21	Muzaffarpur	180	153
Chandigarh	22	Chandigarh	90	97
Chattisgarh	23	Korba	46	61
	24	Durg Bhilainagar	56	58
	25	Raipur	55	61
Delhi	26	Delhi	193	196
Gujarat	27	Ahmedabad	120	113
	28	Rajkot	94	116
	29	Surat	93	100
	30	Vadodara	95	121
Haryana	31	Faridabad	229	209
Himachal Pradesh	32	Baddi	123	132
	33	Damtal	65	64
	34	Kala Amb	64	114
	35	Nalagarh	90	84
	36	Paonta Sahib	78	90

	37	Parwanoo	44	35
	38	Sunder Nagar	63	47
Jammu&Kashmir	39	Jammu	186	170
	40	Srinagar	163	111
Jharkhand	41	Dhanbad	198	235
	42	Jamshedpur	96	110
	43	Ranchi	105	110
Karnataka	44	Bengaluru	62	67
	45	Devangere	72	57
	46	Gulburga / Kalaburgi	92	84
	47	Hubli-Dharwad	69	68
Madhya Pradesh	48	Bhopal	114	116
	49	Dewas	93	81
	50	Gwalior	125	109
	51	Indore	96	103
	52	Jabalpur	106	115
	53	Sagar	64	79
	54	Ujjain	104	114
Maharashtra	55	Aurangabad	65	86
	56	Akola	54	64
	57	Amravati	58	66
	58	Badlapur	67	94
	59	Chandrapur	100	104
	60	Greater Mumbai	98	106
	61	Jalgaon	53	59
	62	Jalna	86	93
	63	Kolhapur	83	81
	64	Latur	54	57
	65	Nagpur	68	68
	66	Nashik	51	59
	67	Navi Mumbai	52	97
	68	Pune	69	85
	69	Sangli	71	60
	70	Solapur	79	60
	71	Thane	105	130
	72	Ulhasnagar	66	77
	73	Vasai virar	43	174
Meghalaya	74	Byrnihat	127	181
Nagaland	75	Dimapur	85	84
	76	Kohima	84	69
Odisha	77	Angul	88	97
	78	Balasore	78	74
	79	Bhubneshwar	78	95

	80	Cuttack	86	90
	81	Kalinga Nagar	104	114
	82	Rourkela	96	106
	83	Talcher	98	81
Punjab	84	Amritsar	113	118
	85	Dera Baba Nanak	66	71
	86	DeraBassi	105	98
	87	Jalandhar	150	130
	88	Khanna	101	106
	89	Ludhiana	129	150
	90	MandiGobindgarh	131	122
	91	NayaNangal	95	70
	92	Patiala	102	109
Rajasthan	93	Jaipur	112	126
	94	Alwar	110	112
	95	Jodhpur	155	161
	96	Kota	100	112
	97	Udaipur	109	122
Tamil Nadu	98	Chennai	60	57
	99	Madurai	57	53
	100	Trichy	40	45
	101	Tuticorin	84	67
Telangana	102	Hyderabad	88	88
	103	Nalgonda	60	70
	104	Patencheru	77	76
	105	Sangareddy	77	83
Uttar Pradesh	106	Agra	188	146
	107	Allahabad	184	119
	108	Ghaziabad	218	216
	109	Kanpur	169	170
	110	Lucknow	209	148
	111	Meerut	200	186
	112	Varanasi	168	114
	113	Anpara	142	154
	114	Bareily	193	175
	115	Firozabad	186	137
	116	Gajraula	168	155
	117	Gorakpur	168	122
	118	Jhansi	99	128
	119	Khurja	194	173
	120	Moradabad	206	155
	121	Noida	197	203

	122	Raebareli	98	112
Uttarakhand	123	Dehradun	144	146
	124	Kashipur	129	119
	125	Rishikesh	77	117
West Bengal	126	Asansol	114	112
	127	Barrackpore	75	85
	128	Durgapur	103	168
	129	Haldia	93	94
	130	Howrah	117	125
	131	Kolkata	99	105