GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 368 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2023

Air Pollution from Industries

*368. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE: SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI:

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

- (a) the details of the steps taken by the Government to control air pollution from industries;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to build any machine or tower to control air pollution in cities and rural areas, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received complaints regarding environmental pollution caused by pharmaceutical industries in Maharashtra during the last three years and the current year till date, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the action taken thereon including the penalty imposed/penalty amount collected;
- (e) the number of such industries which have been closed so far; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor and the role of the State Pollution Control Board in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARAS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 368 DUE FOR REPLY ON 27.03.2023 REGARDING 'AIR POLLUTION FROM INDUSTRIES' RAISED BY SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE AND SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI, HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

(a)&(b)

Major steps taken by the Government for controlling the air pollution by industries is given as Annexure-I.

In compliance to the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, two experimental pilot projects of smog towers, one at AnandVihar by Central Government and another at Connaught Place by Delhi Government have been commissioned. Performance of the smog towers is under observation and further utility/ replication will depend on the performance results of smog towers and other relevant issues.

(c) to (f)

No complaint(s) has been received by Central Pollution Control Board and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board against pharmaceuticals industries in Maharashtra during the last three years.

CPCB has initiated penal action in the form of imposing Environmental Compensation (EC) against those violating norms for setting up and maintaining pollution control systems in industries or facilities. CPCB has evolved a methodology for levying such EC against the industries /facilities not-complying with CPCB's directions. A detail of Environmental Compensation imposed by CPCB on 20 Chemical industries is given as Annexure-II.

As per the information received from State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) and Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) including Maharashtra, there are total 4,89,864 industries in the country. Out of which, 4,40,989 units are operational and 48,875 industries are self-closed. Number of complying and non-complying units are 4,12,823 and 28,166, respectively. Show cause notice to 18,941 units and closure directions to 2,616 units were issued for non-compliance. Legal actions were taken against 158 units and the State-wise compliance status of industries is given is Annexure-III.

For prevention and control of pollution, CPCB, SPCBs/ PCCs have issued various directions under Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, etc. The CPCB is carrying out inspection of these industries based on computer generated alerts from Online Continuous Effluent/ Emission Monitoring System (OCEMS) since 2016-17.

Annexure - I referred in reply to parts (a) to (b) of the Lok Sabha STARRED Question No. 368 due for answer on 27.03.2023 regarding 'Air Pollution from Industries' raised by Shri Krupal Balaji Tumane and Shrimati Bhavana Pundalikrao Gawali, Hon'ble Members of Parliament

Major steps taken by the Government for controlling the air pollution by industries

- I. Notification of industry specific emission or discharge standards for 80 industrial sectors under Schedule-I of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
- II. State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) and Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) in States and Union Territories respectively to ensure the compliance of these standards
- III. Issuance of consent to establish/ consent to operate and authorization to the industries by the SPCBs/PCCs in their respective States/UTs as per the provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution), 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and rules made their in.
- IV. Monitoring of compliance of consent conditions and other operational activities by SPCBs/PCCs
- V. For strengthening of monitoring mechanism and effective compliance through self-regulatory mechanism, issuance of directions to all 17 categories of Highly Polluting Industries, Grossly Polluting Industries (GPIs) of Ganga basin, Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs), biomedical waste management facilities and common hazardous waste management facilities to install Continuous Effluent/ Emission Monitoring Systems and also to have constant vigil on pollutant release
- VI. Categorisation of 254 industrial sectors into red (61), orange (90), green (65) and white (38) categories based on its pollution potential
- VII. Action by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) against defaulters responsible for increase in all types of pollution (noncompliance to the effluent / emission norms etc.) in the country under the provisions of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
- VIII. Impounding upon Environmental Compensation (EC) to the defaulters based on the 'Polluter Pays Principle'for contaminating/ damaging the environment as per Hon'ble Supreme Court/ NGT Directions
 - IX. Launched National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) as a long-term, time-bound programme to reduce air pollution in a comprehensive manner with target to achieve upto 40% reduction in PM10 concentration level by the year 2025-2026 w.r.t. baseline of 2017-18
 - X. With regard to Delhi NCR, High Level Task Force Meetingheld on 14.10.2022 under Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Prime Minister for Air Quality Management in Delhi and NCR and Adjoining Areas
 - XI. Constitution of Commission for Air Quality Improvement in National Capital Region and Adjoining Area (CAQM) through an Act passed by the Parliament of India on 13.08.2021, for the purpose of improving the Air Quality in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas.
- XII. Interaction Ministry (MoEF&CC) with concerned agencies/organisation and Ministries at Central and State level to assess the preparedness of policy makers, enforcement agencies and regulatory bodies in order to tackle the problem of Air Pollution in Delhi NCR initiated interaction. Some of the initiatives taken in these meetings including options to promote use of paddy straw as alternate resource as fuel and fodder are as below:
 - i. Joint ministerial meeting with Central Ministries like Agricultural & Farmer Welfare, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Power, Railways to explore the possibilities of policy interventions and strengthening of existing schemes.
 - ii. Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change held meetings with Chief Ministers, Environment Ministers and Chief Secretaries of NCR States including Punjab, followed by meeting of Commission with Chief Secretaries, State departments and Local Administrations.

- iii. To encourage use of Stubble as supplementary bio-mass fuel in thermal power plants (TPPs) in NCR. Subsequently, preparedness was reviewed for all TPPs (within 300 Km of NCT) by Minister of Power. NTPC floated tender buying contract for Stubble based bio-mass pellets to be used as supplementary fuel. This will help in environmentally sound Stubble management with added income to farmers and discourage Stubble burning, resulting in lesser contribution to emission load in coming years.
- iv. Operationalization of a Centralised Control room in Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare to co-ordinate with State and Central agencies to prevent stubble burning.
- v. Increase coverage area for in-situ Stubble management using proven PUSA technology for bio-decomposing (Government and NGOs).
- vi. Task Force constituted for collection of Stubble in Punjab and Haryana and supply as fodder to fodder deficient region of Rajasthan and Gujarat.
- XIII. Review meetings onmanagement of air quality in Delhi NCR held on 20-May-22, 22-June-22, 22-Jul-2022, 23-Aug-22, 22-Sep-22 and 30-Sep-22 with the following agenda:
 - (i) Limiting the use of DG Sets, uninterrupted power supply in the region
 - (ii) Revision / updating of action plan for prevention and control of Paddy Stubble Burning in 2022 and up scaling Ex-Situ Management of paddy straw
 - (iii) Extended use of Pusa Bio-Decomposer for In-Situ Crop Residue Management
 - (iv) Management of dust from roads, central verges, sidewalks and open area along the right of ways
 - (v) Utilization of Parali for production of Bio-fuel and ethanol to be used in Boilers and development of market mechanism for the purpose
 - (vi) Shifting of industries of NCR to CNG / Cleaner fuel etc.

XIV. Actions taken by CAQM:

Prevention and control of paddy stubble burning

- o Framework for Prevention and control of paddy stubble burning prepared after extensive consultation with State Governments of Punjab, NCR States, GNCTD and Central Ministries, Knowledge institutions namely ICAR, IARI, ISRO etc.
- o Major components of the Framework:
 - ➤ Plans to reduce generation of paddy straw (diversification to other crops and to other varieties).
 - > In-situ Crop Residue Management
 - Ex-situ Crop Residue Management
 - ➤ Monitoring/Effective enforcement.
 - > IEC activities.
- Statutory Directions to develop detailed state specific Action Plans based on the Framework. Plans finalized for Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh for 2022, based on the framework and also field learnings from the year 2021. The plans include a futuristic policy for ex-situ utilization of paddy straw.
- o Statutory directions issued for mandatory co-firing of biomass with coal (@5-10%) in thermal power plants located within 300 kms. of Delhi.
- O Statutory Directions issued for effective implementation of action plans for the prevention and control of Stubble Burning.
- o Standard ISRO protocol developed for monitoring fire events. Statutory Directions issued for adoption of the protocol for recording of fire events using satellite data.
- Close monitoring by CAQM of the daily fire counts regular follow up with the State Governments.
- O The Commission has evolved a comprehensive policy in July, 2022 towards short-term/ medium-term/ long-term actions to abate air pollution in the region across all contributing sectors.

Control of industrial emissions

- Statutory Directions issued for implementing the "Standard" fuel list of approved clean fuels in NCR and phasing out heavily polluting fossil fuels like coal, diesel oil, LDO etc
- O Statutory Directions for industries to shift to approved fuels, by 30.09.2022 (for areas where gas infrastructure is available) and by 31.12.2022, where gas infrastructure is still not available.

Directions/ Regulations for use of Power Generating Sets

- o No restrictions on generator sets running on LPG/Natural gas, Butane/Propane/Biogas
- o Uninterrupted use of DG sets permitted only for emergency services during GRAP.
- o DISCOMS to ensure uninterrupted power supply in NCR to minimize use of DG Sets.
- Regulated use of DG Sets for industrial sector during GRAP for limited time subject to retro fitment of Emission Control Devices (ECD) and running on dual fuel mode (gas and diesel)
- (i) Dust management from C&D projects:
 - O Statutory directions issued mandatory registration of projects on plot size is equal to or more than 500 sqmtr. on the C&D web portal.
 - Web portals functional in Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh. Under development in Rajasthan.
 - o Self-certification by the proponents on the portal.
 - Cross Verification of the parameters as certified on the portal vis-à-vis the ground conditions.
 - o Compliances related to various rules and guidelines related to effective dust mitigation measures at C&D sites viz. Wind breakers, dust screens, water sprinkling, dust suppressants and soil stabilization measures etc.
- (i) Prevention of air pollution through fire crackers Desired Actions:
 - Strict implementation of Hon'ble Supreme Court / NGT orders on use of fire crackers.
 - > Enforce ban on use of fire crackers wherever imposed.

XV. Action taken by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB):

- Air Quality Monitoring and Network
 - National Air Quality Index (AQI) was launched in 2015. Information is being disseminated to public through daily air quality bulletins.
- o Ambient Air Quality Network:
 - (i) Ambient air quality monitoring network in Delhi NCR strengthened and presently comprises 143 stations (81 continuous and 62 manual systems). Larger coverage and better representative data is now available.
 - (ii) In addition, to supplement conventional ground level monitoring, satellite based PM_{2.5} monitoring in collaboration IIT Delhi is being established using aerosol optical depth (AOD).
 - (iii) A Central Control Room is operated by Central Pollution Control Board wherein, hour to hour tracking of various information such as PM concentrations, Live Air Quality Data of Monitoring stations, Live Air Quality Index, Air Quality Forecast in Delhi-NCR (Source: SAFAR, IITM, Pune) is available.
 - (iv) AQI is monitored along with other parameters and is published on the website in the form of AQI Bulletin after analysis. The links for the same have been made available to CAQM for consideration and deciding on urgent actions for control of pollution in Delhi-NCR.
- Measures for control of industrial emission:
 - (i) MoEF&CC has notified emission standards for industrial boilers and five industrial sectors i.e. lime kiln, foundry, ceramic, glass and reheating furnaces, in the year 2018.

- (ii) Installation of OCEMS in red category industries in Delhi-NCR is in progress.
- (iii) Industrial units in Delhi have shifted to PNG/cleaner fuels whereas, units in NCR shall shift to PNG/Biomass latest by December 31, 2022.
- (iv) Shifting of all operational brick kilns to zig-zag technology in Delhi and NCR.
- (v) CPCB has come out with System and Procedure for Emission Compliance Testing of Retro-fit Emission Control Devices (RECD) for Diesel Power Generating Set Engines up to Gross Mechanical Power 800 kW.

Measures for Control of Emissions from Stubble Burning

- (i) Daily monitoring of Active Fire Events (AFEs) is done during stubble burning period and reports are shared with Commission on Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining areas for suitable action.
- (ii) CPCB framed guidelines for promoting setting up of paddy straw based pelletization and Torrefaction plants which may help in addressing the supply chain issues. Scheme will address the issue of open burning of paddy straw in agriculture fields in Northern Region. A corpus of Rs. 50 crores have been sanctioned from EPC funds. Assuming complete utilization of the corpus, over 1 million metric tonnes of paddy straw based pellets are expected to be generated every year.

Close Monitoring & Ground level implementation

- (i) Central Pollution Control Board has been continuously deploying dedicated CPCB's teams on the field during the winter season from 2017 onwards to check on-ground scenario of air pollution related activities and refer these to implementing agencies for necessary action.
- (ii) 03.12.2021 onwards 40 officers of CPCB have been deployed as flying squads, for conducting incognito inspection of units/sites in various areas of Delhi, NCR regions of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, and Rajasthan. Reports are submitted to Commission on Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining areas for further action.

Other Actions

Dedicated media corner, twitter and Facebook accounts have been created for public outreach and complaint redressal is closely monitoring the complaints on SAMEER app and social media platforms (Twitter & Facebook). Sameer and social media complaints are resolved through enforcement agencies and redressal status is being shared with respective agencies.

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List of 20 chemical industries environmental compensation imposed

S No.	Name of industry	Date of issuance of Environmental Compensation (EC) Directions	EC imposed	EC received
1.	M/s. Amarjyot Chemical Corporation, N-211/2/3, MIDC, Tarapur, Dist Thane, Plaghar-401501, Maharashtra	16.05.2019	Rs. 23,60,000 /-	Rs. 23,60,000 /-
2.	M/s. Nyara Energy Ltd. (Previously Essar Oil Ltd.) (Refinery Division), Jamnagar-Okha Highway, Vadinar Vill, Distt. Dwarka- 361305, Gujarat	26.12.2018	Rs. 61,20,000 /-	Rs. 61,20,000 /-
3.	M/s. Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (Gujarat Refinery), PO Jawarharnagar, Vadodara -391320, Gujarat	07.01.2019	Rs. 21,60,000 /-	Rs. 21,60,000 /-
4.	M/s. Madras Fertilisers Ltd., Manali, MadhavaramTaluk, Tiruvallur Dist. 600060, Tamil Nadu	02.01.2019	Rs. 1, 93,20,000	Rs. 1, 93,20,000 /-
5.	M/s. Oil & Gas Corporation Ltd., (Tatipaka Mini Refinery), Nagaram, MamidikuduruMandal, East Godavari District., Andhra Pradesh - 533247	09.01.2019	Rs. 73,20,000 /-	Rs. 73,20,000 /-
6.	M/S Deepak Fertilizers & Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd., K- 1to K-8, MIDC Industrial Area, Taloja Dist-Raigad-410208, Maharashtra	08.02.2019	Rs. 67,80,000 /-	Rs. 67,80,000 /-
7.	M/s. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Mumabi Refinery, , B. D. PatilMarg, Mahul, Chembur, Mumbai-400 074, Maharashtra	23.04.2019	Rs. 25,20,000 /-	Rs. 25,20,000 /-
8.	M/s. Vivid Global Industries Ltd., Plot no. D-21/1, MIDC Tarapur Tal. Dist. Palghar, Maharashtra-401506	15.05.2019	Rs. 36,00,000 /-	Rs. 36,00,000 /-
9.	Rathi Dye Chem Pvt. Ltd, Plot No. 40, MIDC, DhatavRoha, Dist Raigad- 402116, Maharashtra	03.03.2020	Rs. 46,40,000/-	Rs. 46,40,000/-
10.	M/s Narmada Bio-Chem Ltd., Plot No. 268, Vill: Kalyangadh, Bavla- Bagodara National Highway, Bavla, Ahmedabad-386470, Gujarat	23.04.2020	Rs. 18,40,000/-	Rs. 18,40,000/-
11.	M/s Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Manali village, MadhavaramTaluk, Tiiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu-600068	14.01.2019	Rs. 74,70,000/-	Rs. 74,70,000/-

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12.	M/s Nutra Specialties Pvt. Ltd. (Presently M/s. VenkataNarayana Active Ingredients Pvt. Ltd.), Chandrapadiya (V), Vinjamur (M), SPSR Nellore Dist. – 524228, A.P.	25.11.2019	Rs. 37,20,000/-	Rs. 37,20,000/-
13.	M/s Biochemical & Synthetic Products Pvt. Ltd., Plot No. 11-6- 2029, Phase-II, SVCIE Balanagar, Hyderabad, Telangana – 500037	01.04.2019	Rs. 20,70,000/-	Rs. 20,70,011/-
14.	M/s Punjab Alkalies& Chemicals Ltd., Nangal – Una Road, NayaNangal, Dist. Ropal, Punjab – 140126	27.03.2019	Rs. 31,80,000/-	Rs. 31,80,000/-
15.	M/s GAIL (India) Limited, Pata Petrochemical Complex, District Auraiya, U.P. – 206241	28.12.2018	Rs. 37,12,500/-	Rs. 37,12,500/-
16.	M/s Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Limited, Lepetkata, Dibrugarh, Assam – 786006	28.12.2018	Rs. 61,70,000/-	Rs. 61,70,000/-
17.	M/s GAIL (India) Limited, GAIL Complex, Vijaipur, District Guna, Madhya Pradesh – 473112	25.02.2019	Rs. 8,70,000/-	Rs. 8,70,000/-
18.	M/s I.G. Petrochemicals Ltd., Plot No. 2, Taloja Industrial Area, MIDC, Taloja, District Raigad, Maharashtra – 410208	21.12.2018	Rs. 81,37,500/-	Rs. 81,37,500/-
19.	M/s Assam Petrochemicals Limited, Namrup, P.O. Parbatpur, Distt. – Dibrugarh, Assam – 786623	25.02.2019	Rs. 1,03,20,000/-	Nil (Closure Direction issued on 26.11.2020 for not depositing EC)
20.	M/s Nova Dyestuff Industries Pvt. Ltd., Plot No. 251, GIDC, Pandesara, Surat, Gujarat	18.08.2022	Rs.1365000/-	Rs.13,65,000/-

Annexure -III

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				Complianc	e status of industries ir	the country				
S. No.	SPCB/PCC	Total no. of	No. of industries closed by their	No. of industries	No. of industries complying with	No. of industries non- complying with environmental standards	No. of industries against which action is taken for non- complying with environmental standards			
		industries	own	operational	environmental standards		Show cause notice	Closure directions	Legal cases filed	Action under process
1	Andaman & Nicobar	464	0	464	176	288	202	1	0	85
2	Andhra Pradesh	9118	560	8558	8368	190	135	33	2	20
3	Arunachal Pradesh	917	98	819	526	293	20	273	0	0
4	Assam	5497	103	5394	4125	1269	748	5	0	516
5	Bihar	9885	15	9870	9812	58	43	2	1	12
6	Chandigarh	2074	671	1403	1403	0	0	0	0	0
7	Chhattisgarh	7081	1740	5341	4536	805	325	412	68	0
8	Daman & Diu	3837	320	3517	3469	48	33	2	0	13
9	Delhi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Goa	2400	2	2398	2280	118	118	0	0	0
11	Gujarat	35887	2401	33486	28881	4605	3323	313	4	965
12	Haryana	12307	1184	11123	10956	167	30	114	23	0
13	Himachal Pradesh	11471	1036	10435	10118	317	317	0	0	0
14	Jammu and Kashmir	7324	1548	5776	5749	27	0	27	0	0
15	Jharkhand	7565	351	7214	5454	1760	798	0	30	932
16	Karnataka	37368	14442	22926	21220	1706	1653	25	2	26
17	Kerala	75130	49	75081	74402	679	404	16	0	259
18	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Madhya Pradesh	21613	4720	16893	16625	268	63	10	11	184
20	Maharashtra	88505	1651	86854	83811	3043	2167	668	3	205
21	Manipur	347	0	347	347	0	0	0	0	0
22	Meghalaya	970	51	919	900	19	9	6	4	0
23	Mizoram	811	364	447	435	12	3	0	0	9
24	Nagaland	1013	92	921	921	0	0	0	0	0
25	Odisha	7117	417	6700	6287	413	60	239	0	114
26	Puducherry	4303	415	3888	3872	16	12	2	0	2
27	Punjab	25374	2906	22468	16175	6293	4452	85	0	1756
28	Rajasthan	41451	6478	34973	31177	3796	3176	102	0	518
29	Sikkim	528	0	528	528	0	0	0	0	0

30	Tamil Nadu	38813	3290	35523	35290	233	140	70	0	23
31	Telangana	8647	1249	7398	6908	490	329	154	0	7
32	Tripura	2295	242	2053	1691	362	318	35	0	9
33	Uttar Pradesh	13423	2091	11332	10449	883	58	21	10	794
34	Uttarakhand	6329	389	5940	5932	8	5	1	0	2
35	West Bengal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		489864	48875	440989	412823	28166	18941	2616	158	6451