

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UN-STARRED QUESTION NO.4305
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2019

Environmental Pollution

4305. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV:

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

- (a) the response of the Government to the present status of environmental pollution along with the steps being taken to clean the polluted air;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to implement Jal-Jivan-Haryali campaign of State Government of Bihar in all the parts of the country in order to control pollution;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Central Government has taken several measures for prevention, control and abatement of air pollution across the country which inter alia includes issuing stringent plans like Comprehensive Action Plan, Graded Response Action Plan, National Clean Air Programme; increasing of monitoring network for assessment of ambient air quality; Leapfrogging from BS-IV to BS-VI fuel standards since 1st April, 2018 in NCT of Delhi and from by 1st April, 2020 in the rest of the country; Introduction of cleaner / alternate fuels like gaseous fuel (CNG, LPG etc.); ensuring the stricter norms for reducing industrial emissions; notifying 6 waste management rules covering solid waste, plastic waste, e-waste, bio-medical waste, C&D waste and hazardous wastes in 2016 etc. All these measures helped in the improvement of overall air quality in the country. On the analysis of last five-year ambient air quality data (2014-2018), across the country, it is observed that most of the cities were within the National Standards with respect to parameters of SO₂ and NO₂. With respect to PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}, 18 and 12 cities respectively showed decreasing trend. In reference to Delhi, there has been an overall improvement in air quality of Delhi in 2019 as compared to that of 2016. The number of 'Good to 'Moderate' days has increased to 179 in 2019 as compared to 108 in 2016.
- (b) to (d) The Central Government launched Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) with a budgetary allocation of Rs. 10,000.66 Crore for the year 2019-20 and first instalment has been released to eligible States/ UTs. Further, the planned outlay of JJM in five years is Rs. 3.60 lakh Crore, out of which Central Share is about Rs. 2.08 lakh Crore.
