

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 2596
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.03.2020

Closure of Sterlite Copper Plant

2596. SHRIMATI JYOTSNA CHARANDAS MAHANT:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Pollution Control Board of Tamil Nadu has shut down the largest Sterlite Copper Plant without providing any opportunity to the latter to respond to any non-compliance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to probe the closure of the said plant; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) The State Government of Tamil Nadu issued Government Order G.O. (Ms) No. 72 dated 28.05.2018 for closure of the Copper Smelter Unit of M/s. Vedanta Limited located at Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu endorsing the directions of the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board and directing it to seal the unit.
- (c) & (d) M/s. Vedanta Limited has filed a writ petition before the Hon'ble High Court of Madras in February 2019, challenging the closure order of the State Government of Tamil Nadu and the matter is presently sub-judice.
