GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2961 (TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2021)

ENVIRONMENTAL REFORMS

2961. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SONI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any study has been conducted by the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute for environmental reforms and public safety in Chhattisgarh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board on the basis of the said study;
- (c) whether a web portal has been created by Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board to address the environment related complaints; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE; MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

- (a)&(b) No Sir. CSIR-National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (CSIR-NEERI) has not conducted any study with regard to environmental reforms and public safety in Chhattisgarh State. However, the following studies have been carried out by CSIR-NEERI for Chhattisgarh State:
 - Assessment of contribution of industrial sources to ambient air quality in Raipur region: This study was done in 2008-09 for Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board (CECB). CSIR-NEERI submitted the report regarding 'assessment of contribution of industrial sources to ambient air quality in Raipur region' to Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board (CECB). Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board (CECB) used this report to regulate industrial activities in the Raipur Region, particularly to control air pollution;

- CSIR-NEERI provided technical assistance to Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL) by installing its sustainable in-situ and exsitu technologies for rejuvenation of Telibandha Lake in Raipur. This project was initiated by Raipur Smart City Limited, which got 'National Excellence Award' at the recently held National Urban Development Summit;
- Assessment of ecology and biodiversity at Gevra open cast mine, Dist. Korba, Chhattisgarh: This project has recently been awarded to CSIR-NEERI by South Eastern Coalfield Ltd., Gerva; and
- CSIR-NEERI, as part of the expert committee constituted by the National Green Tribunal (NGT), recommended the short term and long term measures to minimise environmental pollution caused by the thermal power plants and coal washeries in Tamnar and Gharghota blocks at Raigarh District in Chhattisgarh. NGT has also asked the committee to act as oversight committee to look into the implementation of the short term and long term measures.

(C)&(D) Yes Sir. The details of the complaint registration link is as under: <u>https://cgocmms.nic.in/grievanceDetails/grievanceDetails</u>

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