

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1216
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH FEBRUARY, 2022**

EFFECTS OF AIR POLLUTION

1216. SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Meteorological Department has started any application to enhance the awareness among common public regarding the hazardous effects of air pollution and to enable the citizens to test air quality;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the name of the cities where this facility is presently available;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide this facility in other parts of the country in the near future;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
AND EARTH SCIENCES
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

- (a)-(b) India Meteorological Department (IMD) provides operational air quality information for general public and pollution control authorities. These forecasts are made available on the websites; <https://mausam.imd.gov.in> and <https://ews.tropmet.res.in>. The SAFAR-Air web application developed by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune gives location specific air quality index and advisory in four metropolitan cities (Delhi, Pune, Mumbai and Ahmedabad). Information or awareness campaign may be available from Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) & Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change (MoEF& CC). Air quality information is being provided in the following cities: New Delhi, Chennai, Mumbai, Ahmedabad and Pune.
- (c) Yes Sir.
- (d) Operational air quality information service is being extended to the following cities: Varanasi, Lucknow, Allahabad, Kolkata, Bengaluru and Patna.
- (e) Does not arise.
