

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4035
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2022

Sources of Pollution

4035. SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the pollution level and sources of pollution in the rural areas of the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the National Clean Air Program (NCAP) is currently functional in rural parts of the country, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to expand NCAP to rural parts of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the timeline by which rural areas will be included in NCAP; and
- (e) whether the budgetary allocation has been earmarked for the same and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) to (e)

Ambient air quality monitoring network of country presently has 1213 monitoring stations covering 465 cities in 28 States and 7 Union Territories. Out of these, 26 monitoring stations are located in 26 rural areas.

The ambient air quality status of the rural areas during 2020 is given in **Annexure-I**.

Government has launched National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) in 2019 as a national-level strategy to reduce air pollution levels in urban centres.

An amount of Rs. 423.21 crore have been released to non-attainment cities under NCAP till now for initiating actions such as expansion of monitoring network, construction and demolition waste management facilities, non-motorised transport infrastructure, green buffers zone, use of mechanical street sweepers, composting units etc.

**Ambient air quality in rural area during 2020
(Manual monitoring)**

| Sl. No. | State | Sl. No. | Village | District | Annual average in $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ | | | | |
|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|------------------|----|-----|
| | | | | | SO ₂ | NO ₂ | PM ₁₀ | | |
| 1. | Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu | 1. | Baldevi (Dadra & Nagar Haveli) | Dadara & Nagar Haveli | 11 | 15 | 68 | | |
| | | 2. | Patlara (Daman) | Daman | 10 | 14 | 64 | | |
| 2. | Punjab | 3. | Aligarh (Jagraon) | Ludhiana | 5 | 15 | 34 | | |
| | | 4. | AspalKhurd (Tapa) | Barnala | 7 | 15 | 116 | | |
| | | 5. | Bara Pind (Goraya) | Jalandhar | 6 | 17 | 94 | | |
| | | 6. | Binjon (Garshankar) | Hoshiarpur | 6 | 19 | 118 | | |
| | | 7. | Bishanpura (Payal) | Ludhiana | 9 | 22 | 142 | | |
| | | 8. | Changal (Sangrur) | Sangrur | 6 | 15 | 115 | | |
| | | 9. | Chowkimann (Jagraon) | Ludhiana | 8 | 20 | 94 | | |
| | | 10. | Fatehpur (Samana) | Patiala | 7 | 18 | 98 | | |
| | | 11. | Guru Ki Dhab (Kotkapura) | Faridkot | 5 | 13 | 125 | | |
| | | 12. | Jaito Sarja (Batala) | Gurdaspur | 5 | 17 | 78 | | |
| | | 13. | Kharaori (Sirhind) | Fatehgarh Sahib | 7 | 17 | 99 | | |
| | | 14. | Kotladoo (Ajnala) | Amritsar | 7 | 15 | 89 | | |
| | | 15. | Lakhoke Behram (Ferozpur) | Ferozpur | 4 | 10 | 121 | | |
| | | 16. | Mrar Kalan (Muktsar) | Muktsar | 4 | 9 | 88 | | |
| | | 3. | | 17. | Mukandpur (Nawashahar) | Nawashahar / Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar | 9 | 20 | 119 |
| | | | | 18. | Mureedke (Batala) | Gurdaspur | 7 | 25 | 83 |
| 19. | Naudhrani (Malerkotla) | | | Sangrur | 6 | 16 | 111 | | |
| 20. | Peer Mohammad (Jalalabad) | | | Fazilka | 5 | 13 | 135 | | |
| 21. | Poohli (Bhatinda) | | | Bathinda | 4 | 9 | 89 | | |
| 22. | Qila Bharian (Sangrur) | | | Sangrur | 6 | 15 | 105 | | |
| 23. | Rakhra (Patiala) | | | Patiala | 7 | 17 | 102 | | |
| 24. | Rohila (Samrala) | | | Ludhiana | 8 | 22 | 151 | | |
| 25. | Tirathpur (Amritsar-I) | | | Amritsar | 7 | 14 | 98 | | |