GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3689 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2025

Effluent Treatment Plants in Amritsar

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

- (a) whether there are plans to provide grants for industries functioning in Amritsar to ensure compliance with pollution control norms, particularly for the installation of Effluent Treatment Plants (ETP) and the use of water treatment chemicals;
- (b) the steps being taken to encourage the production and availability of affordable ETP and water treatment chemicals to support sustainable industrial practices in the region; and
- (c) whether any specific measures or schemes are in place to address the environmental challenges faced by Amritsar, ensuring a cleaner and more sustainable future for the city and its surroundings?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (c)

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) is implementing Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), which was launched on 25 June 2015 in selected 500 cities (now 485 cities including 15 merged cities) and towns across the country. Under AMRUT, Amritsar city has taken up 10 projects worth ₹89.36 crore. As reported by the state on AMRUT portal, all 10 projects have been completed. These projects include 5 water supply projects worth ₹75.03 crore, one sewerage/septage management project worth ₹13.34 crore and 4 green spaces & park projects worth ₹0.99 crore.

Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0 was launched on 01 October 2021 with a Central Assistance (CA) of ₹66,750 crore for projects. Under AMRUT 2.0 so far, 8 projects worth ₹213.29 crore have been approved by MoHUA in Amritsar district which include 7 water supply projects worth ₹102.89 crore and one sewerage/septage management project worth ₹110.4 crore. Approved projects cover 25.99 MLD water treatment plant capacity and 30 MLD sewage treatment plant capacity. The Central Government has various Schemes to facilitate setting up Common Effluent Treatment plants (CETPs) across the country for treatment of effluents generated from industrial units located in clusters.

As per the information received from Punjab Pollution Control Board, the District Environment Plan of Amritsar has been prepared and the activities mentioned in the District Environment Plan are regularly monitored in District Environment Committee meetings headed by Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar.
