

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2293
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2025**

AIR QUALITY HEALTH HAZARDS

2293. SMT. JYOTSNA CHARANDAS MAHANT:

Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government is aware of the rising incidence of respiratory illnesses, skin diseases and occupational lung disorders such as pneumoconiosis among residents and mine-workers in coal-mining districts, particularly in Korba, Chhattisgarh, where air-quality levels have frequently crossed hazardous thresholds as highlighted in recent national pollution bulletins (Korba air samples had PM2.5 concentrations ranged from about 150.3 to 1,699.2 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ — i.e., 2.5 to 28.3 times higher than the Indian standard of 60 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any updated epidemiological or environmental -health assessment in coal-belt regions during the last two years, especially after the recent Central Pollution Control Board alerts and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to strengthen district-level public health infrastructure in Korba under National Health Mission?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY
WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (c) Air pollution is one of the factors affecting respiratory ailments and associated diseases. Health is impacted by several factors, including food habits, occupational habits, socioeconomic status, medical history, immunity, heredity, etc., of the individuals apart from the environment. Health is primarily the responsibility of State Government. The 2015 amendment to the Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulations) Act 1957 mandated the creation of District Mineral Foundations in all mining affected Districts to work for the welfare of affected people and areas as prescribed by State Governments.

As per Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Network in Korba consists of 3 manual and 2 continuous ambient air quality monitoring stations. The city-wise good and bad days as provided by CPCB are observed in Korba.

Health is a State subject, the responsibility of strengthening public healthcare system lies with the respective State/ Union Territory Governments. Under National Health Mission, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare provides technical and financial support to States/UTs for strengthening their healthcare systems based on the proposals submitted by them in their Program Implementation Plans.
