

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2382
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2025

Health Risks arising from Deteriorating Air Quality

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the petitions before the Supreme Court on air-pollution health emergency and the National Health Advisory Protocol;
- (b) the response of the Government to the submissions filed and Supreme Court directives for mitigating the health risks arising from deteriorating air quality in major metropolitan cities along with the measures being taken in this regard, State-wise including Dewas-Shajapur in Madhya Pradesh;
- (c) whether the Government in coordination with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, proposes to issue a national-level health advisory/emergency protocol, if so, the details thereof, State-wise including the said regions and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the status of air quality in the industrial district of Singrauli;
- (e) whether all the companies operating in Singrauli are fully complying with National Green Tribunal (NGT) and environmental standards, if so, the details thereof and if not, the action taken against such companies; and
- (f) whether additional Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (CAAQMS) will be installed in Bhiwani–Mahendragarh Lok Sabha Constituency, given seasonal dust storms and highway emissions affecting rural health in the region?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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(a) and (b): The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide W.P. No. 13029/1985 in M C Mehta vs Union of India & Ors review the matters related to Air Pollution in Delhi NCR and has passed directions

from time to time, to concerned stakeholders. In this regard, responses have been filed before the Hon'ble Court in respect of directions pertaining to this Ministry.

(c): Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued Health Advisory on Air Pollution to all States /UTs to support various actions for awareness generation and health system response. The details of the said advisory is available in public domain in the web site of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Further, States/UTs also issue public health advisory on air pollution related health matters every year and create awareness on the Do's and Don'ts to minimise, protect and prevent on the health impacts related to air pollution.

(d): The average Air Quality Index of Singrauli District is 130. Number of Good days has increased from 145 in 2022 to 252 in 2025 (until the month of November).

(e): CPCB has issued directions u/s 18(1)(b) of the Water and the Air Act to all SPCBs/PCCs to inspect Red, Orange, and Green categories of industries at a minimum inspection frequency of 6 months, 1 year and 2 years, for verification of compliance of environmental norms. In addition, common waste management/treatment facilities such as STPs, CETPs, CBMWTFs etc., and 17 categories of high pollution potential industries are to be inspected on quarterly basis by SPCBs/PCCs. Further, Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board (MPCB) reported that all thermal power plants, coal mines and industries operating within the jurisdiction of Singrauli district are monitored by them to ensure compliance with the directions and orders issued from time to time by the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT).

(f): Concerned State Pollution Control Boards/Pollution Control Committees install Monitoring Stations to collect ambient air quality, in line with the criteria issued by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).
