

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 417
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2026

Release of Solid Waste and Toxic Air by Nova Factory in UP

417. SHRI DEVESH SHAKYA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that the solid waste and toxic air emissions particularly the high levels of PM2.5 and black smoke from Nova Factory located in Kasganj district of Uttar Pradesh are causing serious environmental pollution and public health problems in the surrounding areas;
- (b) if so, whether the Government and the Central/State Pollution Control Board have conducted any inspection or investigation regarding air quality, PM2.5 levels, black smoke emissions and solid waste management of the said factory during the last three years;
- (c) if so, the major findings thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has noticed that respiratory disease, asthma, eye irritation, skin disease and other long-term health risks caused by the said pollution are increasing among the local residents?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): As per information provided by UPPCB, M/s Sterling Agro Industries Ltd. (earlier known as M/s Nova Factory) located at village Bhitauna, tehsil and district Kasganj, is operating with valid (validity upto 31.12.2027) Consent to Operate (CTO) issued under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 by Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board (UPPCB). The unit was last inspected on 15.11.2025 by the Regional Office, Aligarh, UPPCB. During the inspection, samples were collected from the Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) outlet which was found to be complying with the prescribed standards. Stack monitoring at the unit is carried out by NABL accredited laboratory i.e. M/s Green Envirotech Services Pvt. Ltd. The stack monitoring report was also found to be within the prescribed norms. Under the National Mission

for Clean Ganga, the unit was inspected on 27.09.2025 by Jamia Millia Islamia, an authorized third-party agency of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). During this inspection, housekeeping and solid waste management were found to be in satisfactory condition. The unit is inspected every year by an authorized third-party agency of CPCB. The Chief Medical Officer, Kasganj, has confirmed that no cases or symptoms of any fatal disease attributable to pollution have been reported in the area.
