

New Policy to tackle pollution

†747. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, according to a survey conducted by IIT Delhi pollution level has been increasing continuously in 88 cities of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is considering to implement any new policy to tackle pollution in the country including the above cities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), New Delhi has carried out an environmental assessment of 88 polluted Industrial Clusters across the country based on a Comprehensive Environmental Pollution Index (CEPI). The survey was primarily conducted for assessing pollution levels in industrial clusters and not specifically in cities. As per the survey, 43 such industrial clusters having CEPI greater than 70, on a scale of 0 to 100 have been identified as critically polluted based on the parameters related to incidence of pollution in water, land (ground water) and air. The State-wise list of critically polluted areas is given in the attached Statement (*See below*).

(c) and (d) The Government has imposed a temporary moratorium on 13.01.2010 on consideration of developmental projects in critically polluted industrial clusters/areas including the projects in pipeline for clearance till August, 2010. However, some specific projects relating to public interest and national interest such as pollution control, defence and security and renewal of mining continue to be appraised. For restoration of environmental quality in these polluted clusters, State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) have prepared Action Plans and these Action Plans have been reviewed by CPCB.

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Statement

*State-wise list of Critically Polluted Industrial clusters/
areas (CEPI Scores >70)*

State	No. of clusters	Industrial clusters/areas	CEPI
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	2	Vishakha patnam	70.82
		Patancheru-Bollaram	70.07
Chhattisgarh	1	Korba	83.00
Delhi	1	Nazafgarh drain basin	79.54
Gujarat	6	Ankaleshwar	88.50
		Vapi	88.09
		Ahmedabad	75.28
		Vatva	74.77
		Bhavnagar	70.99
		Junagarh	70.82
Haryana	2	Faridabad	77.07
		Panipat	71.91
Jharkhand	1	Dhanbad	78.63
Karnataka	2	Mangalore	73.68
		Bhadravati	72.33
Kerala	1	Cochin	75.08
Machya Pradesh	1	Indore	71.26
Maharashtra	5	Chandrapur	83.88
		Dombivalli	78.41

1	2	3	4
		Aurangabad	77.44
		Navi Mumbai	73.77
		Tarapur	72.01
Orissa	3	Angul Talchar	82.09
		Ib valley	74.00
		Jharsuguda	73.34
Punjab	2	Ludhiana	81.66
		Mandi Gobind Garh	75.08
Rajasthan	3	Bhiwadi	82.91
		Jodhpur	75.19
		Pali	73.73
Tamil Nadu	4	Vellore	81.79
		Cuddalore	77.45
		Manali	76.32
		Coimbatore	72.38
Uttar Pradesh	6	Ghaziabad	87.37
		Singrauli	81.73
		Noida	78.90
		Kanpur	78.09
		Agra	76.48
		Varanasi-Mirzapur	73.79
West Bengal	3	Haldia	75.43
		Howrah	74.84
		Asansole	70.20