

427 locations, the levels of SO<sub>2</sub> have, in general, shown a decreasing trend and are within the limits while, the levels of PM<sub>10</sub> have been fluctuating, the levels of NO<sub>2</sub> are generally showing an increasing trend. In Delhi, a similar trend has been noticed during last three years.

During 2009, some other cities, e.g. Howrah, Asansol and Kolkata in respect of NO<sub>2</sub> and Jharia, Ludhiana and Khanna in respect of PM<sub>10</sub> showed higher levels than Delhi. The rise in PM<sub>10</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub> in Delhi during 2009 is partially attributable to on-going construction activities and infrastructure development for Common Wealth Games-2010.

(c) and (d) City-specific ambient air quality improvement programmes for 17 identified cities, including, *inter-alia*, Delhi, Lucknow, Jodhpur, Pune, Agra, Varanasi, Kanpur, Faridabad, Jharia, etc., have been formulated. Action Plan for Delhi is monitored by Bhure Lal Committee.

The Action Plan includes, *inter-alia*, strengthening of public transport, supply of cleaner fuel as per Auto Fuel Policy, use of beneficiated coal in thermal power plants, more stringent mass emission norms for new vehicles in select cities, 'Pollution Under Control' certificate system for in-use vehicles, strict implementation of emission norm in air polluting industries, etc. with a view to reduce pollution in cities.

#### **National Action Plan on Climate Change**

655. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) announced by Government the 'National Mission for a Green India' has been mooted as one of the eight missions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the mission document has been finalized; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when it would be finalized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (d) The 'National Mission for a Green India' is one of the eight missions under the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) announced by the Government of India. The draft Green Indian Mission has been prepared and submitted to the PM Council on Climate Change for consideration and approval.

#### **Critically polluted industrial clusters**

656. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government, through Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi and 15 other reputed institutions has identified critically and severely polluted industrial clusters in the country;