

PM₁₀). Based on exceedance factor, 47 cities, towns or, industrial areas fall in high level category whereas, 83 in critical category for PM₁₀.

(d) The Government has taken various steps for improving air quality which *inter-alia* includes, tightening of industrial emission norms, management of municipal, hazardous and bio-medical wastes, strengthening air monitoring network, source apportionment studies for particulate matter in ambient air in six cities, strengthening public transport including metro rails in select cities, gaseous fuel for public transport, BS-IV/III norms for new vehicles, pollution under control (PUC) certificate system for in-use vehicles, preparation and implementation of action plans for select cities & critically polluted areas, public awareness, etc.

Fishing inside the wild life sanctuary

3117. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the inhabitants of Bhattarkanika wild life sanctuary were engaged in fishing in the area from generation to generation like the tribals inhabiting in other wild life areas; and

(b) whether these fishermen would be vested with the rights of fishing inside the wild life sanctuary like their forefathers and should be vested with rights under the Forests Rights Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) and (b) As per information received from the State Government of Odisha, there is no document to prove history of rights vested to the people regarding fishing in Bhattarkanika Wildlife Sanctuary from generation to generation on its water bodies. Forest Right Act, 2006 as per its provisions is application throughout the State and acted upon.

Pollution control norms for industries in Rajasthan

†3118. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of highly polluting industries in the country including Rajasthan, State-wise;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.