

Pollution linked to fog cover

2811. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether pollution is linked to fog cover in capital Delhi, whether it is a fact that P.M.I.O., PM 2.5 and Black Carbon have increased abnormally in Delhi and mostly MP 205 emissions are from the transport sector which was highest and growing followed by burning of biomass and construction work and infrastructure project; and

(b) if so, the strategy of Government to check the pollution in the National Capital of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY) : (a) Ambient air quality in capital Delhi is monitored by the Central Pollution Control Board, the Delhi Pollution Control Committee, the National Environment Engineering Research Institute (NEERI), Nagpur and Indian Institute of Tropical Management (IITM), Pune. The air pollutants, namely PM₁₀ and PM₂₅ are listed under the national ambient air quality standards. Black Carbon is reportedly monitored by IITM for weather forecasting. As per available data, there is mixed trend in the levels of PM₁₀ and PM₂₅ at different locations in the capital Delhi.

(b) To control air pollution in Delhi, various steps have been taken by the Government which *inter-alia* include; use of coal fired boilers banned unless fitted with electro static precipitator; closure of 1328 hazardous, noxious and heavy/large industries; closure of a coal based Indraprastha Thermal Power Plant; banning of burning of leaves/biomass; registering only B.S. III/IV compliant two/three wheelers and cars in Delhi with effect from 01.04.2010; insistence on dust control measures in construction projects; strengthening network of metro trains as a means of public transport; use of natural gas as fuel in bus, taxis and autos for public transport; etc.

Disposing of bio-medical wastes

2812. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has intensified surprise check of