

objective to promote environmental awareness among all sections of the society and to mobilize people's participation for conservation of environment. Under the National Green Corps (NGC) programme of the Ministry, about one lakh schools have been identified as Eco-clubs, wherein, nearly thirty lakh students are actively participating in various environment protection and conservation activities, including the issues related to the air pollution.

7. Ministry is promoting people's participation and awareness building among citizens for environmental conservation through Green Goods Deeds that focus on promotion of cycling, saving water and electricity, growing trees, proper maintenance of vehicles, following of lane discipline and reducing congestion on roads by car pooling etc.

#### **Deteriorating air quality in the cities**

168. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gaya, Patna, Muzzaffarpur and Srinagar have not been included in the list of non-attainment cities for the Air Quality Management Plan under the National Clean Air Programme despite being classified in the top 15 air polluted cities in the world by World Health Organisation (WHO);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government is taking any other special measures to tackle air pollution in these cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO): (a) to (c) Gaya, Patna, Muzzaffarpur and Srinagar have been included in the list of non-attainment cities for the Air Quality Management Plan under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP). The NCAP is a pan India time bound national level strategy to tackle the increasing air pollution problem across the country in comprehensive manner. The main component of NCAP is preparation and implementation of city specific air pollution abatement action plan for 102 non-attainment cities of the country.

#### **Action against non-compliant industries**

169. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any action against industries with respect to