

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2467

TO BE ANSWERED ON MARCH 17, 2021

CITIES UNDER NCAP

NO. 2467. SHRI AYODHYA RAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government intends to include 42 more cities under the National Clean Air Program (NCAP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether programme will include any city from the State of Andhra Pradesh; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a) to (e) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) has informed that they have launched National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) as part of a long-term, time-bound, national level strategy to tackle the problem of air pollution across the country in a comprehensive manner. It targets to achieve 20-30% reduction in PM10 and PM2.5 concentrations by the year 2024, with 2017 as the base year.

Under NCAP, 122 Non-Attainment Cities (NACs) have been identified across the country based on the Air Quality data. 13 cities from Andhra Pradesh, namely Anantapur, Chittoor, Eluru, Guntur, Kadapa, Kurnool, Nellore, Ongole, Rajamahendravaram, Srikakulam, Vijaywada, Vishakhapatnam and Vizianagaram are included in the list of NACs. Government intends to include 42 cities under NCAP. As per the 15th Finance Commission (XV-FC) report recommendations for financial year 2020-21, a budgetary allocation of ₹ 4400 crores for 42 million-plus cities has been made with objective to contain air pollution and improve air quality in million plus NACs by augmenting their infrastructure, building capacity and undertaking appropriate action-plan to curb air pollution. So far, ₹ 2200 crores have been released to million plus NACs during financial year 2020-21 and ₹ 2217 crores have been allocated for these cities for the next financial year 2021-22.
