

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2283
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021

Pollution due to dumping yard

2283. SHRI SAMIR ORAON:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that due to the location of dumping yard of bauxite of Hindalco company/railway siding for long time the level of pollution has increased, significantly in Lohardaga district of Jharkhand;
- (b) whether any comprehensive study has been conducted for the effective evaluation of the effects on urban life and public health due to this dumping yard; and
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Hindalco company has not taken any effective steps to provide support to health facilities at Lohardaga city in public interest, so far?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) to (c) As reported by Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board (JSPCB), Lohardaga railway siding is located in Lohardaga town and shifting of railway siding maybe required to mitigate impact of air pollution due to road transportation of bauxite minerals. M/s Hindalco Industries Ltd. has already been directed to shift Lohardaga railway siding at Barkichanpi, Lohardaga.

No comprehensive study has been conducted for the effective evaluation of the effects on urban life and public health due to this dumping yard. However, Particulate Matter (PM₁₀) analyzer is installed at railway siding, which is having connectivity with the server of JSPCB. Further, M/s Hindalco Industries Ltd. has also made necessary arrangement for mitigation of air pollution such as pucca boundary wall in all direction, tree plantation, pucca road and installation of water sprinkling system.
