GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1797 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.12.2022

Plans to prevent pollution

1797. SHRI RAM CHANDER JANGRA:

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

the details of plans of the Government to prevent increasing pollution, climate change and heat, whether any work has been started on these schemes so far?

ANSWER

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

Government has launched National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) in 2019 as a national level strategy to reduce air pollution levels across the country. Under NCAP, City Specific Clean Air Action Plans for 131 non-attainment/million plus cities have been prepared to improve the air quality.

The Government of India's climate policy is intended to protect citizens from direct and indirect impacts due to the consequences of climate change as well as adapting to such change. It is also intended to develop India along a low carbon pathway to ensure that India contributes its due share to global mitigation of GHG emissions while also ensuring development and growth. All State Governments are also actively involved in the same through the State Action Plans on Climate Change.

The Government has adapted heat action plan in different States to tackle the impact of heat waves. Heat action plan is a comprehensive early warning system and preparedness plan for extreme heat events. The plan presents immediate as well as longer-term actions to increase preparedness, information-sharing, and response coordination to reduce the health impacts of extreme heat on vulnerable populations.
