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Title: Regarding environmental problems caused by Thermal Power Plants in Raichur Parliamentary Constituency of Karnataka-laid.

SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK (RAICHUR): Raichur Thermal Power Station (RTPS) and Yeramaras Thermal Power Station (YTTPS) come under my Raichur parliamentary constituency. RTPS with 8 units generates electricity nearly 41.28 mu of energy per day, it generates about 1.5 million tonnes of fly ash annually which causes environmental problems. 20 percent of ash produced IS as wet bottom ash, which is let into the ash bund. Bottom ash contains heavy metals which can be dangerous to public health. The fly ash from RTPS causes breathing problem for human beings and spreading diseases like Asthma, lung cancer, Silicosis, dust allergy etc.,. Hence, I draw the kind attention to the fact whether state government is following strictly environmental, health and safety guidelines for thermal power plants so that these issues do not arise again and again.