

- Sector specific pollution control programmes for thermal power plants;
- Adoption of cleaner technologies/waste minimisation in small scale industries;
- Assessment and control of noise pollution.

The Government have recently formulated a comprehensive and time bound National Programme for Control of Pollution (NPCP) covering various activities relating to industrial, vehicular, air, water and noise pollution, management of municipal solid waste, preparation of standards, environmental epidemiological studies, hazardous and bio-medical waste management, highly polluting industries and thermal power plants. NPCP was circulated in the Conference of the Chairmen and Member-Secretaries of State Pollution Control Boards held on 14.7.1998 in New Delhi. The National Programme for Control of Pollution would be finalised soon after receiving the comments/views of the State Pollution Control Boards.

(c) and (d) The pollution control activities/programmes are being reviewed periodically by the State Governments and the Central Government through the Central Pollution Control Board. The review of the schemes has identified certain lacunae which include lack of infrastructural facilities, constraint of resources, shortage of professional manpower and absence of comprehensive pollution control programme. The Government is providing financial assistance to the State Pollution Control Boards and Pollution Control Committees for strengthening their laboratories to enhance the analytical and monitoring capabilities including training of officials.

Public Telephone in Rural Areas

4611. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Panchayat Headquarters in Madhya Pradesh where telephone facility is not available;

(b) the number of Panchayat Headquarters where telephone facility has been provided connected by tower system and cable lines, separately; and

(c) the time by which the work of laying cables is likely to be completed in those Panchayat Headquarters which have been connected by tower system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA):
(a) Total 9,128 Panchayat Headquarters in Madhya Pradesh are without telephone facility.

(b) The telephone facility on tower, cables and Overhead Lines are as under :

Tower	11,052
Cable	Nil
O/H Line	10,496

(c) There is no such plan.

Lack of School Buildings and Teachers

4612. SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are no buildings for Government primary schools in most of the rural areas in Uttar Pradesh and students are taught in the open and there is also acute shortage of teachers; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) and (b): According to the 6th All India Educational Survey 1993 (AIES), there are 2404 Primary schools in Uttar Pradesh as on 30.9.1993, where classes are being held in open spaces.

33283 class rooms in primary schools have been constructed under the scheme of Operation Blackboard. Funds for construction of primary school buildings under the scheme are provided on a sharing basis by the State and Central Governments.

Under the scheme of Operation Blackboard, 8891 posts of teachers have been sanctioned in single teacher primary schools to make them double teacher schools. 11800 posts of third teacher have also been sanctioned in primary schools with enrolment exceeding 100.

Appointment of teachers and construction of primary school buildings has also been taken up under the Uttar Pradesh Basic Education Project and District Primary Education Programme.

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Engineering Colleges

4613. DR. RAMVILAS VEDANTI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: