GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:99
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2005
POLLUTION BY SPONGE IRON PLANTS IN KEONJHAR
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified the sponge iron plants in Keonjhar district, Orissa which are causing air and water pollution;

(b) if so, the list of such sponge iron plants;

(c) the number of people and the villages affected by these sponge iron plants; and

(d) the steps taken to control air and water pollution caused by these sponge iron plants?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)&(b) The Orissa State Pollution Control Board has reported that during last one year, out of seventeen sponge iron plants in Keonjhar district, Orissa, six units are observed to have not been complying with the environmental norms due to inadequate pollution control measures adopted. The list of such sponge iron plants is enclosed.

(c)&(d) To control pollution from sponge iron plants and to reduce impact on the nearby villages, the State Pollution Control Board has directed sponge iron plants to adopt following pollution abatement measures :

Installation of Electrostatic Precipitator (ESP)/Gas Cleaning Plant/Bag Filters for emission control;
Provision of adequate water sprinkling facilities to control fugitive emissions;
Management of solid waste;
Complete re-circulation of water
The Orissa State Pollution Control Board is regularly monitoring the environmental compliance and taking necessary legal action, in case of any violation.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 99 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 25.07.2005 REGARDING POLLUTION BY SPONGE IRON PLANTS IN KEONJHAR BY SHRI ANANTA NAYAK

List of defaulting Sponge Iron Plants in Keonjhar district :

S.No.	Name of the Unit
1.	Beekay Steels & Power Limited, Uliburu, Nalda;
2.	Grewal Associates Matkambeda, Barbil;
3.	Orion Ispat Ltd., Ramchandrapur;
4.	Sree Metallks Ltd., Loidapada;
5.	Aditya Sponge & Power Ltd., Telkoi; and
6.	MSP Sponge Iron (P) Ltd., Haladiguna

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