

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

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AIR AND WATER POLLUTION IN ORISSA  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has identified the industrial units which are causing Air and Water Pollution in Orissa, particularly in Keonjhar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any action has been taken against such polluting units; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) The Orissa State Pollution Control Board has identified various industrial units which were causing air and water pollution in Keonjhar District. As per information provided, during the last three years 78 industrial units mainly in the sectors of mining and sponge iron plants were issued show cause notices due to non-compliance. Presently, closure order is in force for two units namely, Tikarapada Pyrophilite Mine, Tikarapada, Keonjhar and Malati Minerals (P) Ltd., Keonjhar.