

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

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HEALTH HAZARDOUS INDUSTRIES  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that 85% of big industrial clusters in India including 6 in and around Delhi are health hazardous, as pollution levels have made air, water and land quality unfit for human habitation, as per Central Pollution Control Board report;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is proposed to hand over this report to the Public Health Foundation of India to study the impact of such pollution levels on peoples` health; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)& (b) The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has brought out a report on "Comprehensive Environmental Assessment of Industrial Clusters" and identified the industrial clusters as polluted based on the Comprehensive Environmental Pollution Index (CEPI). The index captures various health related dimensions of environment including air, water and land. As per the survey carried out by CPCB in 88 major/prominent industrial clusters in the country, 43 industrial areas / clusters are identified as highly polluted. These include four industrial clusters in and around Delhi, namely Ghaziabad, Nazafergarh, Noida and Faridabad.

(c) & (d) CPCB has been asked to take follow up action on the findings of the assessment and coordinate with the Public Health Foundation of India.