

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

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ILLEGAL FACTORIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether sky over Ram Ganga River in Moradabad turns black with smog at sunset every day due to tiny chimneys that belch smoke fitted in each and every houses that illegally runs small waste processing plants;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and its impact on human life; and
- (c) the action taken/proposed to be taken to close all the illegal factories?

Answer

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

(a)&(b)Yes, Sir.As per information provided by the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board (UPPCB), a few months ago some people started burning electronic waste including computers, illegally in some houses and openly at the bank of river Ram Ganga in Moradabad, resulting in black smoke.

(c) One such furnace in which electronic waste was being burned was sealed in October, 2009 by the UPPCB with the help of district administration. Concerned Police Stations of Uttar Pradesh Police have also taken action against the persons who were burning such waste in the open in Moradabad.