

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1804

ANSWERED ON:07.03.2011

**VIOLATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL NORMS**

Bavalia Shri Kuvarjibhai Mohanbhai;Jindal Shri Naveen;Karunakaran Shri P.;Mahendrasinh Shri Chauhan ;Patle Kamla Devi ;Siddeswara Shri Gowdar Mallikarjunappa;Singh Shri Bhupendra ;Vasava Shri Mansukhbhai D.

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

- (a) whether the Government has any environmental impact assessment policy to ensure compliance of environmental norms particularly with regard to the industries in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of companies / industrial units of the States inspected by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) during each of the last two years; and
- (d) the number of companies /industrial units found violating the norms and the nature of violations along with the details of action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Environment & Forests has brought out the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, which requires various developmental projects / activities listed there under to obtain prior environmental clearance under the provisions thereof. The proposals received for environmental clearance are appraised through a multi-disciplinary Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) based on the documents inter-alia Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Report submitted by the project proponent. Based on the recommendations of the EAC, a decision regarding grant of environmental clearance or otherwise is taken. While granting environmental clearance, various conditions are stipulated, which include compliance to the prescribed emission and discharge standards.

(c): The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has monitored 260 industries during 2008-09 and 248 industries during 2009-10 under Environmental Surveillance Squad (ESS) Programme.

(d): A total of 128 industries have been found violating the pollution control norms during the last two years i.e. 2008-10. In 69 cases directions under Section 18(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 / Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 have been issued to the respective State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) / Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) for getting corrective actions and for remaining 59 cases directions under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 were issued to industries for corrective measures and compliance of the pollution control norms.