

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

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

- (a) whether the Government through Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi and other reputed institutions has identified critically and severely polluted industrial clusters in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the financial assistance provided to the State Governments for strengthening of laboratories?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) & (b) Under the Comprehensive Environmental Pollution Index (CEPI) system of environmental assessment adopted by the Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoEF), 88 polluted Industrial Clusters across the country were assessed by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) along with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi and other reputed institutions. Based on CEPI, 43 industrial clusters with CEPI score > 70 have been identified as critically polluted areas. The list of such clusters is provided at Annexure-I.

(c) MoEF is providing financial assistance to State Pollution Control Boards for strengthening of laboratories under the Scheme "Assistant for Abatement of Pollution". Financial support provided to the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) for strengthening of laboratories during 2010-2011 is given at Annexure-II.