

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF INDUSTRIAL CLUSTERS

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any national comprehensive environmental assessment of industrial clusters;
- (b) if so, the number of industrial clusters found critically polluted, State-wise; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government to improve the environment in those areas?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Yes. The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi had conducted a survey based on Comprehensive Environmental Pollution Index (CEPI) for assessment of pollution load of industrial areas in 88 major industrial clusters in the country. Out of these, 43 industrial clusters have been identified as critically polluted. The State-wise list of critically polluted areas is provided at Annexure-I.

(c) For improvement of environmental quality in these polluted clusters, the concerned State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) have prepared Action Plans. An effective implementation of the action plans would help in the abatement of pollution and improvement of environment in these industrial clusters.