

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

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BREATHING PROBLEMS DUE TO POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received complaints from the residents of the colonies adjoining Okhla in Delhi with regard to air pollution from the waste to energy plant at Okhla;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Central Pollution Control Board has examined the technology and the mitigation measures adopted in the plant;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government as per provisions of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Environment Protection Act, 1986 in the matter?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Based on the complaints received against the incineration of municipal waste and its likely harmful effects on the air quality and health of people in the Sukhdev Vihar/Okhla area due to the emissions from Waste-to-Energy plant at Okhla, an Expert Committee representing members from IITs, German Technical Consultants (GTZ) Delhi Pollution Control Committee, Department of Environment, Government of NCT of Delhi, NGOs and Public representatives was constituted to look into the technical aspects of the project. The representatives from NDMC, MCD, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, Government of India and Delhi Jal Board were also invited during deliberations of the Committee meetings. The committee completed deliberations on various aspects and recommended that in view of the Waste to Energy plant being located in an urban agglomeration adjacent to populated areas, the operation of the plant must ensure compliance to the emission standards prescribed in the MSW Rules, 2000 and as per the commitment by the proponent.

(c) to (e) As per the Central pollution Control Board, the technology being used by the Waste-to-Energy plant at Okhla is as specified in the Municipal Solid Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000.