

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

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IMPORTANCE TO ENVIRONMENTAL RELATED ISSUES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken a survey to assess the States which gave much importance to environmental well being;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also true that the Government has asked the States to give importance to environmental related issues much importance; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) An Environmental Performance Index to recognize environmental performance of States has been undertaken by the Planning Commission. The composite index comprises of 16 indicators under 5 criteria viz., Air Pollution, Water Quality, Forest Management, Waste Management and Climate Change on the basis of which performance of a State would be assessed.

(c)&(d) The Government has interacted with States to take up important environment related issues. The important / key issues being co-ordinated with States include:

- i. Restoration of environmental quality in 43 critically polluted industrial clusters.
- ii. Water and ambient air quality monitoring in the States.
- iii. Monitoring of pollution control compliance in 17 categories of highly polluting industries and for those industries discharging waste water into rivers and lakes.
- iv. Establishing common waste management facilities like Common Effluent Treatment Plants for industrial waste water and Treatment, Storage and Disposal facilities for hazardous waste.