

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

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POLLUTION BY STEEL PLANTS  
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**Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there have been study/reports regarding environmental pollution caused by the various steel plants under the public and private sectors;
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard along with the names of the steel plants which are causing environmental pollution across the country;
- (c) the details of the steel plants where pollution control mechanisms have been installed during the last three years along with the amount incurred thereon;
- (d) the details of the steel plants where no mechanism for pollution control has been installed along with the reasons therefor;
- (e) the time by which these steel plants are likely to install the pollution control mechanisms; and
- (f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure that such pollution control mechanisms are installed in all steel plants?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)to(f): Central Pollution Control Board carries out surprise inspections of industries including Iron & Steel Plants, under Environmental Surveillance Program.

According to available information from Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), 63 Iron & Steel Plants were inspected by them during 2007 – 2012, and 24 plants were found to have major non- compliance. Directions under Section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 were issued to 08 plants, and under Section 18 (1) (b) of Air Act, 1981 and Water Act, 1974 were issued to the concerned State Pollution Control Boards in respect of 16 plants.

Government has been pursuing adoption of latest environment friendly technologies. The report of the Working Group on Steel Industry for the 12th Five Year Plan enlists such measures. Under the ongoing modernization/ expansion programme of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), about Rs. 5000 crores are being spent on Environment Management Schemes. Similarly, Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) has also been investing about Rs.1283 crores on such measures during ongoing modernization/expansion programmes.