

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CATEGORIZATION OF INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering revisiting the system of categorizing industries that seek permission to set up and operate units;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is true that the Government is considering giving higher consideration to industries which are producing environment friendly products; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (d) The Government has decided to revisit the 'Categorization System' for classification of industries under Red, Orange and Green categories and details are as follows:

Recently, during the Conference of the Environment Ministers of States held in New Delhi during April 06-07, 2015, it was resolved to adopt pollution criteria for categorization of Red, Orange and Green categories of industries and a Committee be constituted with State representatives. Further, in the 59th Conference of Chairmen and Member Secretaries of Pollution Control Boards (PCBs)/Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) held in New Delhi on April 08, 2015, it was agreed to constitute a Committee to look into categorization system of industries based on their respective pollution potential.

Accordingly, a Committee headed by the Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and comprising of the Chairman, State Pollution Control Board (SPCBs) has been constituted.

The categorization will be done on the basis of composite score (100 marks) which may be assigned in accordance with the following suggested / proposed weightage:

Air Pollution Score based on parameters namely PM, CO, NO_x, SO_x, HMs, Benzene, 40 Marks
Ammonia and other toxic parameters relevant to the industry.

Water Pollution Score based on parameters namely pH, TSS, NH₃-N, BOD, Phenol 40 Marks
and other toxic pollutants relevant to the industry.

Hazardous waste (land-fillable, incinerable, recyclable) 20 Marks
Note :

Parameters to be decided on the basis of the nature of the wastes generating from the industrial sector.

Industries having only either water pollution or air pollution, the score will be normalized w.r.t 100.

Type of industries, if scored more than 60 to be categorized as Red category.

Type of industries, if scores between 30-59 to be categorized as Orange category.

Type of industries, if score between 15-29 to be categorized as Green category.

Type of industries, if less than 15 to be categorized as non-polluting industry.