

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Zonal Offices of the Central Pollution Control Board functioning and newly established during the last three years, State-wise:
- (b) the functions and mandates of these Zonal Offices:
- (c) whether the Government monitors and reviews the functioning of these offices; and
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has not set up any new office during the last three years. There are six (6) zonal Offices located at Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh) Bangalore, (Karnataka), Kolkata (West Bengal) Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Vadodara (Gujarat), Shillong (Meghalaya), and one (1) project office at Agra (Uttar Pradesh). The main functions of these offices are to coordinate the activities with State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) for implementation of the provisions of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. The major activities of these Zonal Offices inter-alia include (i) Water, air and noise monitoring programmes, (ii) Inspection of Industries under Environment Surveillance Scheme (ESS), (iii) Attending public complaints (iv) Organizing mass awareness programmes (v) Monitoring of Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs) (vi) Monitoring of Hazardous Waste Treatment & Disposal Sites (vii) Monitoring of Common Bio-Medical Treatment Facilities and (viii) Coordinating applications under Right to Information Act, 2005 and litigation matters. The Governing Body of CPCB regularly meets and reviews the functioning of Zonal Offices along with the headquarters at New Delhi for ensuring optimum performance in the field of Pollution prevention and its Control.