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Title: Need for increased budget allocation on under NCAP to curb the pollution level.

SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY (MEDAK): Hon. Chairperson, thank you for giving me this opportunity. I would like to bring to your kind notice a very important issue. There is an urgent need to tackle the issue of rising pollution in the country and for this the Government should increase the funds earmarked for the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP).

It is really painful to note that 22 of the world's 30 most polluted cities are in India, with Delhi being ranked as the most polluted capital city. We should concentrate on public health as air pollution, after malnutrition, is the second largest public health risk factor in the country.

Sir, I hail from Medak parliamentary constituency in the State of Telangana. Patancheru and other areas in Sangareddy district in my constituency have a large number of pharma, rubber and other polluting industries which need financial and technical assistance from the Central Government to tackle the pollution issue.

The allocation of budget under NCAP for pollution control has slightly increased from Rs.460 crore last year to Rs.470 crore this year. I humbly request the Central Government to increase the budget allocation under NCAP to curb the pollution level and to ensure health for all.