

**Seventeenth Loksabha**

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**Title: Regarding deteriorating air quality in northern states of the country.**

**DR. SANJAY JAISWAL (PASCHIM CHAMPARAN):** Sir, I would like to draw your attention towards the depreciating quality of air in the Northern States, as reflected through the Air Quality Indices (AQI) in the past few weeks. Like every year, as the winter season has arrived, the air quality has started deteriorating in not just Delhi but also in regions of Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and my home State Bihar. I am further inclined to raise this issue because my Constituency - West Champaran and the districts therein were victims of the worst Air Quality Index (AQI) readings earlier in November, 2022. The said AQI readings are disturbing even by global standards. Several causes for this have been identified and addressed repeatedly. The severe ill-effects of this on the health and wellbeing of the people are also known. Urgent steps need to be taken to mitigate this issue and it is not possible without the co-operation of all the State Governments. I urge upon the Government, and the various State representatives, to cause the initiation of a targeted approach to solve this problem at the earliest keeping in mind the gravity of the issue and the implications involved.