

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REPORT ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION AND HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Committee constituted by the Government some time back to report on alarming picture of environmental pollution in India and health care system has submitted its report to the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have kept the report in cold storage and are not taking any steps to implement it;
- (d) if so, the facts thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to implement the recommendations of the Committee?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) & (b) The Committee on Environment and Health constituted by the Ministry of Environment and Forests submitted its report covering various aspects of environmental pollution and related health issues.

(c), (d) & (e) As a follow-up of the recommendations, the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) constituted an Environment and Human Health Cell (EHHC) to act as a nodal point for addressing relevant issues pertaining to environmental health. Besides, a number of environmental health studies were commissioned and training workshops organized on environmental health. A Vision Statement on Environment and Human Health has also been brought out recently which emphasizes the need for protection of human health against air pollution, water pollution, radiation, noise pollution, climate change, indoor air pollution, hazardous and bio-medical wastes. The Vision Statement has also outlined the need for institutional strengthening, public partnership, implementation and coordination mechanism for various programmes and activities. An Inter-Ministerial Coordination Committee on Environment and Human Health and a Task Force on Environment and Human Health have been constituted by the MoEF to monitor and oversee implementation of various programmes and activities.