

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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POLLUTION FROM FLY ASH
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether fly ash produced by thermal power plants is a pollutant for water, air and soil;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has issued any instructions to thermal power generation companies for early disposal of fly ash; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of these companies thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) : The ash generated by Coal and Lignite Thermal Power Stations in the form of fly ash, bottom ash, pond ash and mound ash can be a pollutant for water, air and soil. However, it can also be utilized as a resource material for many applications.

(b) & (c) : Ministry of Power/Central Electricity Authority review the progress of ash utilization with the Power Utilities from time to time and have advised and emphasized increased ash utilization level in accordance with the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MOE&F) Notification dated 14.09.1999 read with its amendment dated 27.08.2003. Thermal Power Stations have formulated action plans in accordance with MOE&F notification.