

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

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STEEL PLANTS CAUSING WATER AND AIR POLLUTION  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has identified the steel plants which are causing water and air pollution;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;
- (c) whether Central Pollution Control Board has inspected such plants;
- (d) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) & (b) The following seven major steel plants have been identified in the country causing water and air pollution;
- 1 Bolaro Steel Plant, Steel Authority of India Limited ( SAIL), Bokaro
  - 2 Rourkela Steel Plant, SAIL, Rourkela
  - 3 Durgapur Steel Plant, SAIL, Durgapur
  - 4 Bhilai Steel Plant, SAIL, Bhilai
  - 5 Indian Iron and Steel Company, SAIL, Burnpur
  - 6 Tata Iron and Steel Company, Jamshedpur
  - 7 Vishakapatnam Steel Plant, RINL, Vishakapatnam

(c) to (e) The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has inspected Steel Plants to verify status of pollution control compliances and also to monitor implementation of recommendations for integrated Iron and Steel plants under the Corporate Responsibility for Environmental Protection (CREP). On the basis of the recommendations of the Task Force after its recent inspection of Durgapur Steel Plant , the CPCB has issued Direction under the Section 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and under Section 18 (1) (b) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution ) Act, 1981 to the West Bengal Pollution Control Board to initiate action in case of Durgapur Steel Plant for the lapses observed during the inspection.