

CALLING ATTENTION TABLED BY S/SHRI VIJAY SARDESSAI AND CARLOS FERREIRA, MLA'S

SUB: Fear and anxiety in the minds of people of Goa, regarding the ineffectiveness of the Goa State Pollution Control Board to control Air Pollution. Action the government proposes to take in this regard.

The Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB) carries out air quality monitoring at 17 locations in the State under the National Air Quality Monitoring Programme (NAMP). The reports, in general indicates that the Air Quality Index (AQI) is predominantly good to satisfactory at most of the locations monitored for last one year and a few locations the Air Quality Index has been found to be Moderate.

The Central Pollution Control Board sanctioned the additional stations for monitoring the air quality in the State. GSPCB is in the process of setting up these stations. The Board is also setting up Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station (CAAQMS) at Vasco which will be operational by year end.

The Board has also set up indicative sensor based stations at four locations in sensitive areas such as Dudhsagar, Colva and Baga. Incase of exceedances, the Board issues letters to the concerned authorities such as local bodies, transport, Industrial association to take necessary action.

The Board also conducts stack monitoring of various industries and also Ambient Air Quality Monitoring with Mobile CAAQMS for compliance verification against consent conditions. In the event of exceedances the Board initiates necessary action under the provisions of the Air Act.

The Board also conducts Ambient Air Quality Monitoring along the transportation routes used for transportation of e-auctioned and royalty paid ore.

In case it is found that the quality of the Ambient Air is below the prescribed standards at any place in Goa, necessary action under the provisions of the Air Act shall be promptly initiated.

List of Ambient Air Quality Stations under National Air Monitoring Programme under Central Pollution Control Board:-

1	Panaji Town, Near GSPCB Office	10	Amona
2	Vasco Town, Fuse Call Office	11	Usgao
3	MPT Quarters Baina	12	Sanguem
4	Assanora	13	Tilamol-Quepem
5	Honda	14	Mapusa Town
6	Codli	15	Ponda Town
7	Kundaim Industrial Estate	16	Cuncolim Industrial Estate
8	Tuem Industrial Estate	17	Margao Town
9	Bicholim		