

STATUS OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT OF POLLUTION CONTROL LAWS IN INDIA

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1 INTRODUCTION

In India, in recent years, a number of activities in the field of Environmental Compliance and Enforcement of Pollution Control laws have been initiated. Some of the important activities are as follows:

- Enforcement of standards (emission and effluent) in 17 categories of high polluting industries.
- Enforcement of effluent standards in industries that are directly discharging their effluent into rivers and lakes.
- Enforcement of Pollution Control Standards in industries discharging effluent directly or indirectly into the rivers Ganges, Yamuna, etc.
- Enforcement of an action plan for control of air and water pollution in 24 critically polluted areas identified by Central Pollution Control Board/Ministry of Environment and Forests.
- Enforcement of an action plan to improve air quality in 13 major cities and towns in India.
- Enforcement of fuel quality specifications for liquid fuel (gasoline, diesel, etc.) pursuant to the road map prepared by an interministerial group.
- Enforcement of clean coal technologies for air quality improvement.
- Enforcement of fly ash management program.

2 CONCLUSION

To measure the results of the above enforcement programs, suitable environmental indicators are being developed in India. Also, to measure the improvements nationwide, programs on air and water quality monitoring have been launched. The details of above programs and result achieved so far may be accessed by contacting Mr. Sengupta.

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