

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Smog Due to Stubble Burning

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"The steps taken by Central Government, CPCB and SPCB include banning of stubble burning, mass awareness programmes, constitution of a Task Force to suggest remedial measures for crop residue burning, including both in-situ options such as use of innovative farm implements like Happy Seeder, Straw Management system, Bio-char, Prali-char, etc., and ex-situ options like biomass based power plants, co-firing with coal in thermal plants etc.

As informed by CPCB, total number of stubble burning cases reported in Haryana during Kharif season in 2017 is 12, 606 out of which 236 FIR have been lodged and Rs.39,85,000/- collected as fines for 1, 493 cases. As per Satellite data received from Punjab Remote Sensing Centre, total no of stubble burning cases reported during Kharif Season in Punjab in 2017 is 42, 337".

This information was given by Minister of State for Environment Forest and Climate Change Dr. Mahesh Sharma in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.

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