GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1333 TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2018

District level data on environmental health

1333. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government would begin a five years exercise to compute district level data on the country's environmental health;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that a pilot project is set to begin this September in 54 districts:
- (c) whether it is also a fact that this is the first time when such a national environment survey is being undertaken;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that the number would eventually be used to calculate every States' green gross domestic products; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (e): Under the ongoing Environmental Information System (ENVIS) Scheme of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, it is proposed to carry out a National Environment Survey covering various parameters like flora, fauna, pollution, waste inventory mapping, etc. The National Environment Survey is being undertaken for the first time by the Central Government in India. For 2018-19, 55 districts have been identified for conducting the Survey. The data/information/maps flowing from the survey would contribute significantly towards valuation of eco-system services at district, state and national levels and arriving at their respective green gross domestic product.
