

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
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**ANSWERED ON**

**VISION STATEMENT ON THE PROBLEMS RELATED ON ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH .**

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that recently the Ministry have issued a Vision Statement on the problems related to environmental health and how to deal with the adverse effects of increasing hazardous and bio-medical wastes, radiation, climate change etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and/or time bound plan drawn up, if any, to check the adverse effects of increasing hazard to environmental health; and
- (c) the machinery established for close coordination with the States to monitor implementation of these specific plans?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The Vision Statement on Environment and Human Health includes environmental health problems posed by air pollution, water pollution, radiation, noise pollution, climate change, indoor air pollution, hazardous and bio-medical wastes. The Vision Statement has also outlined the need for institutional strengthening, public partnership, implementation and coordination mechanism for various programmes and activities. However, no time bound plan has been drawn.

(c) An Environment and Human Health Cell (EHC) has been created in the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) to act as a nodal point for addressing relevant issues pertaining to environmental health. Besides, an Inter-Ministerial Coordination Committee on Environment and Human Health and a Task Force on Environment and Human Health have been constituted by the MoEF to monitor and oversee implementation of various programmes and activities.