

Environmental issues

7.76 Environmental concerns have assumed significance in the recent years. Commensurate with industrial expansion, a strong regulatory mechanism is required to ensure minimum environmental standards.

7.77 Table 7.26 summarises pollution control efforts in 17 highly polluting industries. These industries are categorised as under:

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| 1. Aluminium | 2. Caustic | 3. Cement |
| 4. Copper | 5. Distillery | 6. Dyes & D.I |
| 7. Fertilizer | 8. Iron & Steel | 9. Leather |
| 10. Pesticide | 11. Petrochem | 12. Pharma |
| 13. Pulp & Paper | 14. Refinery | 15. Sugar |
| 16. TPP | 17. Zinc | |

Table 7.26 : Statewise summary status — in 17 categories of industries
(as per information available with CPCB as on June 30, 2002)

State/UTs	Total No. of Units	Status (No. of Units)		
		Closed	C#	Defal-uter##
1 Andhra Pradesh	173	29	143	01
2 Arunachal Pradesh	00	00	00	00
3 Assam	16	03	11	01
4 Bihar	44	19	25	00
5 Chhattisgarh	16	01	14	01
6 Goa	06	00	06	00
7 Gujarat	177	07	170	00
8 Haryana	43	06	37	00
9 Himachal Pradesh	09	00	09	00
10 Jammu & Kashmir	08	03	05	00
11 Jharkhand	18	03	13	02
12 Karnataka	85	09	76	00
13 Kerala	28	06	22	00
14 Madhya Pradesh	62	11	48	03
15 Maharashtra	335	24	306	05
16 Manipur	00	00	00	00
17 Meghalaya	01	00	01	00
18 Mizoram	00	00	00	00
19 Nagaland	00	00	00	00
20 Orissa	23	03	16	04
21 Punjab	45	06	39	00
22 Rajasthan	49	06	43	00
23 Sikkim	01	00	01	00
24 Tamil Nadu	119	02	117	00
25 Tripura	00	00	00	00
26 UT- Andman & Nicobar	00	00	00	00
27 UT-Chandigarh	01	00	01	00
28 UT-Daman & Diu, Dedra & Nagar	00	00	00	00
29 Delhi	05	01	04	00
30 UT-Lakshadweep	00	00	00	00
31 UT-Pondicherry	06	01	05	00
32 Uttaranchal	17	00	17	00
33 Uttar Pradesh	207	22	182	03
34 West Bengal	58	17	38	03
Total	1551	179	1349	23
# Having Adequate Facilities to comply with the Standards				
## Not having adequate facilities to comply with the Standards				
Source : Ministry of Environment & Forests				

7.78 Out of the total 1,551 large and medium industrial units identified in 1992 in the 17 categories of highly polluting industries, 1,349 industrial units have installed the requisite pollution control equipment, 179 units have closed down and 23 units have yet to install the necessary pollution control facilities (as of June 30, 2002). Legal action has been taken against all defaulting industrial units.

7.79 Out of 726 industrial units along the major rivers and lakes in the country, which have been found discharging their untreated or partially treated effluents into the freshwater bodies including rivers and lakes, as on September 30, 2002, it has been found that 409 firms comply with the prescribed standards, 178 had Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) facilities but these were not operating satisfactorily, three industrial units are getting their ETP installed and 130 industrial units have been closed down. Only six units have not installed the requisite pollution control facilities. Legal actions have been initiated against all the defaulting units.

7.80 In order to strengthen environmental management capacity at national, state and local levels, the Ministry for Environment and Forest had launched an Environmental Management Capacity Building Technical Assistance Project in 1997 with the assistance of International Development Agency. This project has an outlay of Rs.142 crore. The areas identified for capacity building were Environmental Policy Planning, Environmental Administration, Decentralization of Environmental Management, Implementation of Environmental law, Monitoring Compliance in specific priority areas, and Capacity Building in Gujarat.