

## MOEF Introduce Pat System to Control Air Pollution Pilot Projects in Gujarat and Tamil Nadu

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INVC,, Delhi,, The Ministry of Environment and Forests has taken step towards Market Based Regulation to control air pollution. Releasing a paper for the Ministry of Environment and Forests, 'Towards an Emissions Trading Scheme for Air Pollutants in India' Shri Jairam Ramesh, Minister of State for Environment and Forests (I/c) said, " the most successful example where Market instruments have been used to control air pollution is the case of acid rain in America. United States of America dealt with acid based problem with a market based instrument." Talking about three innovations that India applied for energy efficiency, he said, "One of the eight missions under the National Action Plan of Climate change is the National Mission on Energy Efficiency. We are introducing a Energy Saving Certificate and Perform , Achieve and Trade (P A T) System which is not exactly a Trading mechanism , but it is an energy trading. In simple words it will be 'Those people who are meeting the standard can sell them to those people who are not meeting the standard'. The parliament has recently passed the energy conservation Act 2002, and very soon the of Energy Efficiency Bureau will be introducing PAT System for over 700 energy intensive industrial units in energy intensive sections like steel, aluminium, petro-chemicals etc." "This second innovation which is a market based trading mechanism. The pilot projects will be introduced in Tamil Nadu and Gujarat because they are advanced states in on-line monitoring. The key requirement for a market based trading scheme will be on-line monitoring round the clock. The pilot project will be supported by the Ministry and MIT team will be associated with it. Once it is operationalise, it will be extended to rest of the country." . Giving details about the meeting of Central Pollution Control Board and State Pollution Control boards/Committees the Minister informed that the Ministry is finalising a major World Bank Project for institutional strengthening and reform of the CPCB and all SPCBs. It is a Rs 1300 crore project over next five years. Discussions are going on with the Ministry of Finance and the World Bank . This will be the third world Bank project for this Mining, the first being Rs - 1200 crore project for Coastal Zone Management Project, and the second of Rs - 350 Crore project for Contaminated Site Remediation Project , both approved in June this year. Regarding an exercise to develop a comprehensive environmental Pollution Index- CEPI for 88 industrial clusters in the country, he said 43 are critically polluted clusters and a moratorium is imposed on new projects and expansions in these 43 clusters till 31 August 2010. It's purpose was to encourage the state governments to prepare Action Plans for environmental remediation. He disclosed that out of 43 critically polluted clusters, 27 Action Plans have been received by the Ministry and nine have been evaluated by CPCB. 16 Action Plans have yet to come. Under these scheme, primary investment will be done by industrial units themselves because the polluter must pay. The state government and industrial Agencies will provide infrastructure investment facilities and the central government will help if there is need for Common Effluent Treatment Plants(CEPTs) and other such common facilities. For Ganga River, Shri Jairam said, "A decision has been taken today not to wait for State Pollution Control Boards only to carry out action. So far, the CPCB has been depending on section 18 (1) of the water Pollution tax. Now the CPCB will start invoking its powers under Section 5 of the Environment Protection Act, 1980. CPCB will issue direct closure or show cause notices where industries are exceeding pollution Standard levels. In the beginning the stretch between Kannauj to Varanasi will be checked by CPCB." [caption id="attachment\_17946" align="alignleft" width="150" caption="The Minister of State for Environment and Forests (Independent Charge), Shri Jairam Ramesh releasing a discussion paper 'Towards an Emission Trading Schemes for Air Pollutions in India', in New Delhi on August 31, 2010."/>

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