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ESTIMATION OF HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS IN BILASPUR AREA

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ABSTRACT

An investigation was undertaken to study the pollution levels in the villages surrounded by Bilaspur town. The Presence of number of power plants & various industries in Bilaspur district gave a support for the existence of Environmental problem in this area. Many industrial emissions from existing Thermal power plants, coal & Bauxite mines were being continuously released in to the atmosphere. This paper presents ambient air quality of villages in Bilaspur district. Four different villages (Seepat, Jangi, Matiyari and Sirgitty) were selected for the study and compared. The parameters studied were Particulate matter (PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}), Sulphur Dioxide, Nitrogen Oxides and Ammonia. The results were compared with National Ambient air Quality Standards-NAAQS-2009,(Environment(Protection)seventh amendment rules - 2009), A Gazette notification released by Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India. From overall analysis, it was observed that the concentration of all the above parameters is within the prescribed limit of Central Pollution control Board.

KEY WORDS: Environmental problem, Nitrogen Oxides, Particulate matter, National Ambient air.

INTRODUCTION

Air pollution may be described as contamination of the atmosphere by gaseous, liquid, or solid wastes or by-products that can endanger human health and welfare of plants and animals, attack materials, reduce visibility, or produce undesirable odors. Although some pollutants are released by natural sources like volcanoes, coniferous forests, and hot springs, the effect of this pollution is very small when compared to that caused by emissions from industrial sources, power and heat generation, waste disposal, and the operation of internal combustion engines. Fuel combustion is the largest contributor to air pollutant emissions, caused by man, with stationary and mobile sources equally responsible.

The Presence of number of power plants & various industries in Bilaspur district gave a support for the existence of Environmental problem in this area. Many industrial emissions from existing Thermal power plants, coal & Bauxite mines were being continuously released in to the atmosphere. So the Ambient air analysis has been carried out in the villages of Bilaspur district at various Sampling points for various Air Pollutants like Particulate

matter (PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}), Sulphur Dioxide, Nitrogen oxides and Ammonia.

Study Area

Bilaspur industrial area is part of Bilaspur Dist. situated at 22-22' N and 82-42'E latitude with the 304.8 meter above sea level. The ambient air quality of Bilaspur surrounding villages is continuously degrading due to industrial activities. Therefore, we have decided to analyze the ambient air quality of the study area, so that some remedies for the improvement could be possible.

Sample collections

Ambient air samples were collected from four different villages Bilaspur district during the pre monsoon season (March-April 2014) using standard methods of Indian standard and CPCB guidelines and analyzed in laboratory for different pollutants. The various parameters were analyzed and health effects of chemical parameters are reported given below.

Particulate matter(PM₁₀,PM_{2.5}) in ambient air were sampled and analyzed as per IS 5182, (Part IV) and followed Central Pollution Control Board guide lines(Gravimetric method), Sampling and analysis of Sulphur dioxide were done by following the method IS:5182,(part-II,West & Gaeke method), Sampling and analysis of Nitrogen Oxides were done by following the method IS:5182(Part-VI,Sodium Arsenite method) and Sampling and analysis of Ammonia were done by following the method EPA ISC Part-II method-401(Indophenol blue method) [1-5].

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this study we selected four villages in Bilaspur district, those are Seepat, Jangi, Matiyari and Sirgitty, these

villages are nearer to many Coal based thermal Power plants.

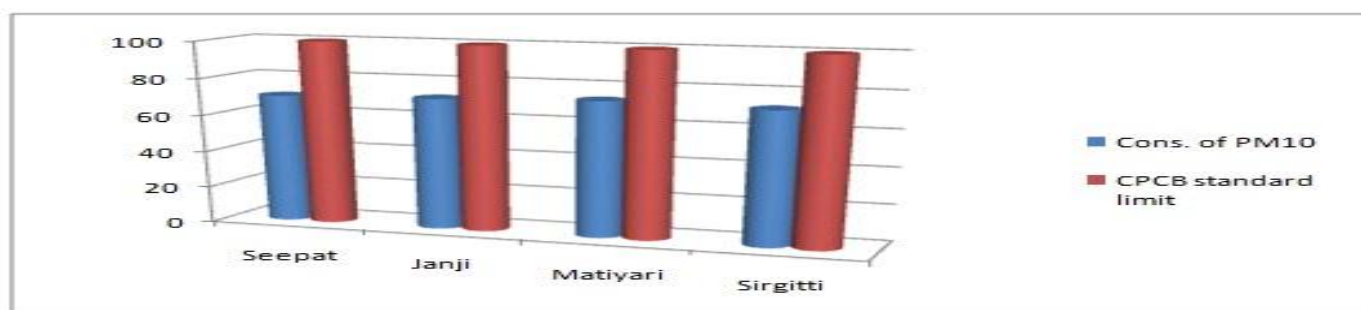
In the above said villages we collected air samples by following standard methods.Collected samples were analyzed for different pollutants like Particulate matter (PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}), Sulphur Dioxide, Nitrogen Oxides and Ammonia [6-10].

The concentration levels of different pollutants were compared with National Ambient air Quality Standards-NAAQS-2009, (Environment (Protection) seventh amendment rules - 2009), A Gazette notification released by Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India and the results and observations were given below.

1. Particulate Matter:

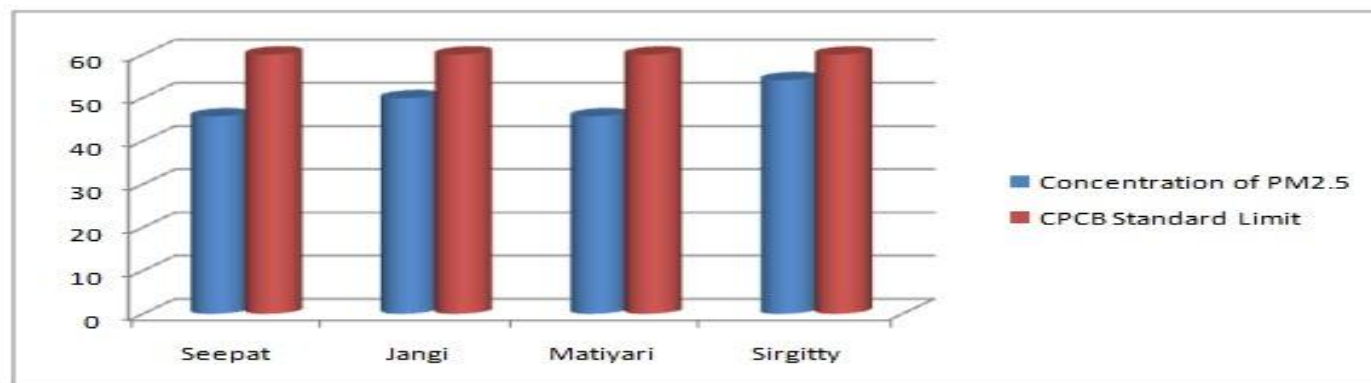
PM₁₀:

S.No	Name of the village	Unit	Concentration of PM ₁₀	CPCB Standard Limit
1	Seepat	µg/m ³	70.2	100
2	Jangi	µg/m ³	71.5	100
3	Matiyari	µg/m ³	73.4	100
4	Sirgitty	µg/m ³	71.9	100



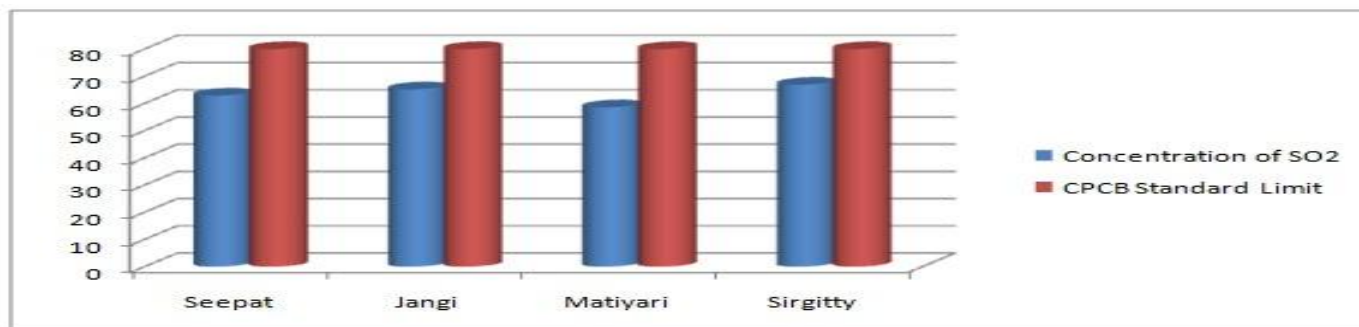
PM_{2.5}:

S.No	Name of the village	Unit	Concentration of PM _{2.5}	CPCB Standard Limit
1	Seepat	µg/m ³	45.7	60
2	Jangi	µg/m ³	49.9	60
3	Matiyari	µg/m ³	45.7	60
4	Sirgitty	µg/m ³	54.1	60

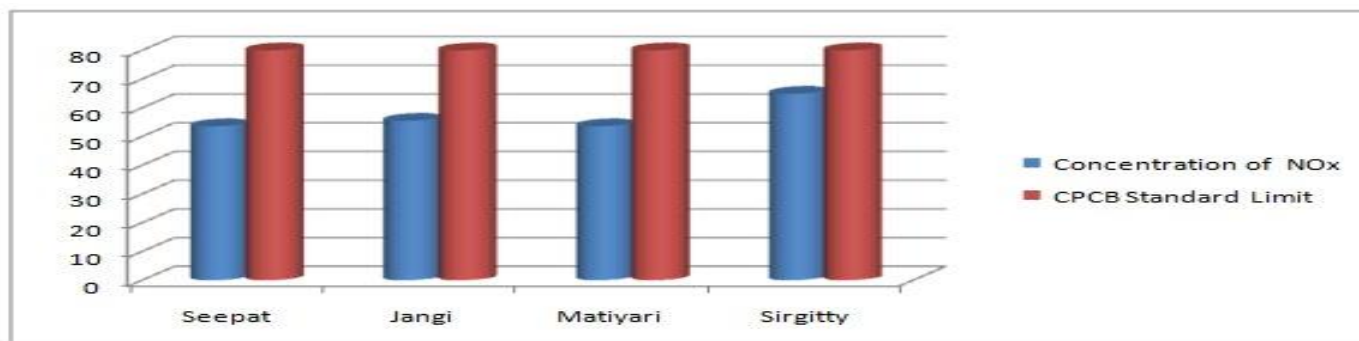


Sulphur dioxide:

S.No	Name of the village	Unit	Concentration of SO ₂	CPCB Standard Limit
1	Seepat	µg/m ³	62.9	80
2	Jangi	µg/m ³	65.2	80
3	Matiyari	µg/m ³	58.6	80
4	Sirgitty	µg/m ³	66.9	80

**Nitrogen Oxides:**

S.No	Name of the village	Unit	Concentration of NO _x	CPCB Standard Limit
1	Seepat	µg/m ³	53.6	80
2	Jangi	µg/m ³	55.5	80
3	Matiyari	µg/m ³	53.6	80
4	Sirgitty	µg/m ³	64.9	80

**Ammonia:**

S.No	Name of the village	Unit	Concentration of NH ₃	CPCB Standard Limit
1	Seepat	µg/m ³	34.9	400
2	Jangi	µg/m ³	33.5	400
3	Matiyari	µg/m ³	33.1	400
4	Sirgitty	µg/m ³	35.2	400



Table 1. Pollutants and their sources and effects

Pollutant	Source (s)	Effects
Particulate Matter(PM10,PM2.5)	Diesel engines, power plants, steel industry, flour mills, windblown dust and wood stoves	damage crops, lung damage, reduce visibility, discolor buildings and statues, eye irritation
Sulfur Dioxide	coal-burning power plants and industries, industrial boilers and processes, coal-burning stoves, refineries and heaters	eye irritation, dead aquatic life, lung damage, reacts in atmosphere resulting in acidic precipitation, deteriorate buildings and statues, and damage forests
Nitrogen Oxides	Vehicles, industrial boilers, industrial processes, power plants, commercial and residential heaters, coal-burning stoves and natural gas pipelines.	lung damage forms acid rain, damaging forests, buildings, & statues forms ozone and other pollutants (smog)
Ammonia	Biological degradation of organic matter,(such as plants, animals)and chemical and microbial degradation of animal wastes, Bio mass burning, fertilizer plants, Coal based thermal power plants and accidental release.	Primary wet tissue (i.e. eyes, nose & throat) irritation and damage. Corneal and skin burns/blistering, intraocular pressure (glaucoma), coughing and pulmonary & laryngeal edema, chest pains, pinky or frothy sputum [6-10].

CONCLUSION

By Observing the above results, we can easily conclude that concentration of all the pollutants are within the prescribed limit of Central Pollution control Board, But

except Ammonia Rest of the pollutants (i.e. Particulate matter (PM10,PM2.5), Sulphur dioxide and Nitrogen Oxides) are nearer to the prescribed limit of Central Pollution Control board.

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