

Polluted units in Ganga basin upload data online

NEW DELHI: For the first time, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has received online pollution data from half of the industrial units in the Ganga river basin.

Terming it as a “big leap” in pollution management, environment minister Prakash Javadekar said 920 critically polluted units have installed online real-time monitoring devices at their effluent and emission discharge points in compliance with the CPCB directives.

The CPCB in 2014 had asked the industrial units in distillery, tex-

tile, tannery and others sectors to install 24/7 pollution monitoring system and achieve Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD).

“Last year we mandated installation of 24/7 monitoring system in the 17 industrial sectors across 2,800 industries. Out of that 920 units have installed 24/7 monitoring devices. We have started receiving real-time data on compliance on effluents and emissions. This is a major reform,” Javadekar told reporters on Tuesday.

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