

Theme: POLLUTION CONTROL

Non-achievement of objectives of Ecocity Programme (Paragraph 4.1)

Audit findings

Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) initiated the 'Ecocity Programme' at a total cost of `30 crore under the Tenth Five Year Plan for implementation in six cities which were selected for the first phase of the programme in view of their cultural/historical/heritage and tourism importance. Works undertaken under the programme remained incomplete in all selected six cities and `1.88 crore was lying unspent with State Pollution Control Boards for over seven years. Thus, the objectives of the programme which were to improve the environment and bring in visible results through implementation of identified environmental improvement projects in selected towns and cities were not achieved.