

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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ENVIRONMENTAL DATA AND INTEGRATED DATABASE  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the environment data in the country are five years old as reported in the `Times of India` dated February 8, 2002;
- (b) if so, the details and facts thereof;
- (c) whether the Government propose to create an integrated database of pollutants released into the air from different sources in order to assess the impact of various pollutants on human health;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons for delay in the creation of such a database despite recommendations of several committees; and
- (f) the fresh steps taken to compile conclusive, scientific and updated database to devise area-wise and sector-wise strategies?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a),& (b) The Committee on `Environment and Health` has brought out it's Report in May, 2000 with some data even as late as March, 2000.

(c), (d), (e) & (f) The Committee on Environment and Health constituted by the Government recommended creation of integrated data base on environmental pollution and its` impact on human health. The Ministry of Environment and Forests has commissioned environmental health studies to generate the data base on environmental pollution and human health.