

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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POLLUTION AROUND TAJ

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Union Government are aware about the pollution level around the Taj Mahal; (

(b) if so, the details in this regard; (

(c) whether the Union Government have conducted any survey on the pollution level around the Taj; (

(d) if so, the details thereof; (

(e) whether the pollution level data available at the Taj Pollution Laboratory is alarming; and (

(f) if so, the steps taken / to be taken by the Union Government to check pollution level near Taj?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) to (e) The ambient air quality is regularly monitored at Taj Mahal by the Central Pollution Control Board. Some of the parameters of Air Pollution are above the prescribed standards.

(f) Various measures taken for the protection of the Taj Mahal and surrounding areas include: closure of two coal based Thermal Power Stations, installation of air pollution, control equipment in foundries, shifting of brick-kilns, green belt development, supply of gas connection provided for the bangle factories in Firozabad, by-pass road to divert movement of traffic, restriction on movements of vehicles within a radius of 500 meters from the Taj Mahal.