

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

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RELATIVE POLLUTION LEVEL IN INDIA  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the status of India in the world in respect of pollution;
- (b) the reaction of Government in this regard;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to check this problem; and
- (d) the success achieved by the Government by taking such steps?

**Answer**

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(a) A study conducted by a team of scientists at Yale and Columbia Universities on the 2005 Environmental Sustainability Index (ESI), which integrates various data sets including past and present pollution levels, environment management efforts etc., has rated India at 101 position out of 146 countries.

(b) & (c) The steps taken for prevention and control of pollution include :

- Notification of general and source specific environmental standards;
- Introduction of cleaner fuels and improved vehicular technologies;
- Implementation of the Charter on Corporate Responsibility for Environmental Protection for seventeen categories of polluting industries; and
- Regular monitoring for environmental compliance.

(d) Due to various abatement measures taken, the increasing trend in pollution, has been arrested with categorical improvement in environmental quality, as determined by competent scientific institutions.