

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

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VEHICULAR POLLUTION IN DELHI  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) has expressed serious concern over the massive increase in diesel run vehicles in the capital;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the situation demands immediate review;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this direction so far;
- (e) whether there is a proposal to bring forward the second generation reforms to tackle air and vehicular pollution; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and modalities framed in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) & (b) The Center for Science and Environment (CSE) in its report on `Air Quality gains from first generation reforms and challenges of second generation problems in Delhi` issued in July 2004 has expressed its concern over the rise in registration of diesel passenger cars in Delhi. CSE has indicated that there is 106% annual increase since 1998-99 as against 12% for petrol cars. The share of diesel cars in the total car registration has reached to 16% in 2003, up from 4% in 1999.
- (c) & (d) The Government has approved an Auto Fuel Policy in October, 2003 for the country as also for select major cities including Delhi and road map for its implementation covering air and vehicular pollution.
- (e) & (f) Some of the second generation reforms, which are at various stages of implementation are public transport plans, centralized vehicle inspection programme for commercial diesel and CNG vehicles and bypassing the non destined transport vehicles through Delhi.