

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

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POLLUTION AT TAJ MAHAL
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated or proposes to formulate any plan to make the Taj Mahal and its adjoining areas pollution free; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Government has formulated comprehensive plan for abatement of pollution around Taj Mahal and Agra city. The pollution abatement measures taken inter-alia include the following :

- Restriction on plying of petrol and diesel vehicle around 500 mts. of Taj Mahal;
- Prohibition on establishment or expansion of polluting industries;
- Closure of brick kilns within 20 kms. of Taj Mahal;
- Closure of coal/coke based industries and shifting to natural gas;
- Supply of ultra low sulphur diesel for vehicles;
- Improvement of city roads and construction of bypass roads;
- Solid Waste Management for improvement of environmental conditions;
- Creation of Green Belt; and
- Preparation and implementation of Action Plan for improvement of Air quality.