

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IMPORT OF MACHINES FOR CONTROLLING AIR POLLUTION

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

- (a) whether the Government has imported some machines for controlling air pollution;
- (b) if so, the countries from which such machines are being imported and the cost of each machine; and
- (c) the places where these machines are likely to be installed?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has procured 12 (twelve) Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (CAAQMS) from France for continuous monitoring and assessment of air pollution levels in four cities at a cost of Rs. 80.00 Lacs (approximately) each. Additionally, 5 (five) similar CAAQMS from different manufacturers from Australia, France and USA have been procured and 11 (eleven) such CAAQMS are at various stages of procurement. The Capital Cost is to be borne by the CPCB upto Rs. 40.00 Lacs per CAAQMS and balance amount is to be met by the concerned SPCB. These CAAQMS are to be installed by the CPCB and various SPCBs in 17 cities across the country namely: Hyderabad (A.P.), Patna (Bihar), Ahmedabad (Gujarat), Faridabad (Haryana), Jharia (Jharkhand), Bangalore (Karnataka), Mumbai (Maharashtra), Pune (Maharashtra), Solapur (Maharashtra), Jodhpur (Rajasthan), Chennai (Tamilnadu), Kanpur (U.P.), Varanasi (U.P.), Agra (U.P.), Lucknow (U.P.), Kolkata (West Bengal), and Delhi.