

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POLLUTION IN METRO CITIES

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

- (a) whether the Government prepared any comprehensive and concrete action plan to bring down the alarming pollution levels in all metro and mega cities in the country, particularly Mumbai;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the impact of CNG use on the pollution levels in Delhi and other metro cities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) by when all metro and mega cities are to become pollution free?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Government has prepared City-specific Action Plans to control and regulate pollution in the mega cities of the country, including Mumbai. These Action Plans include various components like air, water and noise pollution, and waste management. Specific emphasis has been laid on control of vehicular pollution, industrial pollution, burning of fossil fuel & other bio-mass to arrest the increasing air pollution. These Action Plans are at various stages of implementation.

(c)&(d) Ambient air quality of Delhi is being monitored by the Central Pollution Control Board and the data reveals that there has been reduction in the concentration of almost all the pollutants, except for NO_x, which has marginally increased. The introduction of CNG as automotive fuel in public transport has brought visible positive effects in the ambient air quality.

(e) An Auto Fuel Policy has been drawn with a road map for improved air quality which, inter alia, include cleaner fuels, automobile technologies and enforcement measures.