

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1622  
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POLLUTION FREE TAJ MAHAL  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has formulated or proposed to formulate any scheme to make Taj Mahal pollution free;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c) The Government of India had notified a Taj Trapezium Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority in the year 1999 to monitor progress of implementation of various schemes for protection of the Taj Mahal and programmes for protection and improvement of the environment in the above said area. In addition, the Government has also formulated and implemented a scheme for the environmental protection of Taj Mahal. During the IX Five Year Plan, an amount of Rs. 222.21 crore was sanctioned towards 10 projects on the basis of 50:50 cost sharing with the Government of U.P. The details of the projects are annexed.