

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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HISTORICAL MONUMENTS
Shukla Shri Balkrishna Khanderao Balu Shukla

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the historical monuments of India are getting adversely affected by the increasing pollution in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to check the adverse effects of pollution around historical monuments?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a)&(b) No, Sir. The ambient air of important monuments is constantly monitored and pollution level is found within the permissible limits.

(c) The steps taken include shutting down of thermal power plants around the monuments, dieselization of coal based locomotives, shifting of foundries, providing battery operated vehicles, diversion of vehicular traffic, use of C.N.G. fuel, development of green belts, etc.