

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

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CHECK ON AIR POLLUTION

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

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment/study regarding the causes of air pollution in the urban and rural areas and its likely adverse impact on the health of the people in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore;
- (c) whether such smallest and least visible pollutant particles are causing lung cancer and cardiac ailments;
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check deadly pollutant particles in the air; and
- (e) the proposed future plan, if any, to create more awareness among the people of urban and rural areas regarding pollution in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SMT. JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) to (e) According to some epidemiological studies, health effects such as manifestation of respiratory and cardiovascular ailments etc. could be associated with air pollution. Steps taken by the Central Government for control of air pollution include formulation of a Comprehensive Policy for Abatement of Pollution, supply of improved auto-fuel, tightening of vehicular and industrial emission norms, mandatory environmental clearance for specified industries, management of municipal, hazardous & bio-medical wastes, promotion of cleaner technologies, strengthening the network of air quality monitoring stations, assessment of pollution load, source apportionment studies, preparation and implementation of action plans for major cities & critically polluted areas, public awareness etc.