

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

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POLLUTION IMPACT ON TAJ MAHAL
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether rise in pollution level in the country is having adverse impact on world level historical monument "Taj Mahal";
- (b) if so, the measures being taken to ensure security and maintaining sublime beauty of such spots and the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the schemes prepared to check rise of pollution at these spots?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(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 the following 10 projects on the basis of 50:50 cost sharing with the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

S.No. Name of the Project Cost approved (Rs. in crore)

- (i) Improvement in Electric Supply at Agra 09.11

- (ii) Gokul Barrage 12.50

- (iii) Widening of Agra by pass 00.75

- (iv) Storm Water Drainage System (Agra) 06.60

- (v) Solid Waste Management 07.49

- (vi) Construction of one part at Agra by pass 10.65

(vii) Improvement in Electric Supply in and around the rural areas of Agra and Fatehpur Sikri 39.09

(viii) Improvement of Master Plan of Roads of Agra City 21.22

(ix) Water Supply (Agra) 72.80

(x) Water Supply (Mathura-Vrindavan) 42.00

Total 222.21