

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

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IMPACT OF POLLUTION ON 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 STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) to (c) The Government of India had notified the Taj Trapezium Zone Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority in the year 1998 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 geographical limits of Agra Division in the Taj Trapezium Zone in the State of Uttar Pradesh. 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.