

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ECO CITY PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has initiated the eco-city projects on bringing in visible environmental improvement in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise and the status of the project; and
- (c) the extent to which success has been achieved as a result thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The Eco-City Scheme was initiated by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in 2002-03 in selected towns/cities, namely, Kottayam, Tirupati, Puri, Ujjain, Thanjavur and Vrindavan with a view to improving the environment through implementation of identified environmental improvement projects.

During the implementation of the Scheme the limited success was observed. In view of the limited capacities of the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs), issues of coordination between CPCB, SPCBs & Municipalities, and availability of other big schemes for Urban development like Jawahar Lal Nehru Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), it was decided in October 2011 to close the Eco-city scheme of CPCB in public interest.