

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

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POLLUTION BY FIVE STAR HOTELS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether posh hotels in Delhi and other metros are polluting the environment by generating maximum waste/misuse of water;
- (b) whether certain State Governments have chalked out any action plan to control such waste to make clean environment in the cities;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has issued any guidelines in this regard to five star hotels in the capital city Delhi and other metro cities;  
and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(c) The wastewater from a hotel is generated from guest rooms, kitchens, laundry, floor washings, swimming pool, toilets, washrooms etc. The wastewater discharge from hotels varies from 51 % to 93 % of the total water consumption depending upon the wastewater management practices adopted. All hotels have to obtain permission for consent-to-establish and consent- to-operate from the concerned State Pollution Control Board / Pollution Control Committee. All hotels are also required to comply with the prescribed standards notified by the Ministry of Environment and Forests

(d)&(e) The Guidelines for Environmental Management in Hotel Industry have been issued by the Government. The Five Star Hotels have been advised to take appropriate environmental friendly measures viz. waste reduction, water conservation, energy conservation and follow environmentally responsible purchasing practices envisaged in the Guidelines for Green Hotels. The Guidelines are being enforced for compliance by the Hotels by Delhi Pollution Control Committee / State Pollution Control Boards. The Guidelines for Green Hotels are given at Annexure.