

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

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AIR AND WATER POLLUTION  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether over eight lakh people are likely to meet premature death every year in India, as per a recent report of the Energy and Resource Institute;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for the effective and affordable treatment of diseases caused by pollution?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) & (b) As per the Report " Green India- 2047" prepared by Energy and Resource Institute, unclean air and water may be causing over 8 lakh premature death in the country each year. The report pertains to a review of economic developments in the country during the last 50 years and projected development during the next 50 years till 2047.

(c) Common diseases caused by pollution like diarrhoea, dysentery, respiratory diseases etc. are treated through a network of Primary Health Centres (PHC), Community Health Centres (CHC), district Hospitals and tertiary health care institutions in the Government sector.

Although Health is a State subject, the Central Government provides assistance under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) for better health care at the primary and secondary level.