

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
LOK SABHA**

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CLEAN AIR INITIATIVE

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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is taking any initiative to make the air cleaner and is also moving towards a low-carbon economic growth model in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any MoU have been signed with countries including France and US for clean air/energy drive in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide clean air to all citizens in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (e) The Government has taken various measures to contain air pollution in the country which interalia includes, supply of cleaner fuels as per Auto Fuel Policy, use of gaseous fuel for public transport in select cities, pollution under control (PUC) certificate system for in-use vehicles, stringent source specific emission standards and their compliance, use of beneficiated coal (not exceeding 34% ash content) in thermal power plants, strengthening public transport, expansion of metro train system, implementation of revised emission norms for gensets (at manufacturing stage), implementation of city specific action plan in 16 cities etc.

Recent "The Emissions Gap Report 2014" by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has recognized that India as one of the countries on track to achieve its voluntary target. India has voluntary commitment to reduce the emissions intensity of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by 20-25% over the 2005 levels, by the year 2020.

There is no MoU signed with France and US for clean air/energy drive in the country.