

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

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MONITORING OF AIR QUALITY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering the United States proposition to monitor air quality in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount allocated and utilized by the Government for monitoring air pollution and checking the pollution levels in all the metropolitan cities during the last three years and the current year, Scheme wise; and
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal for a Public-Private Partnership model for traffic and industrial pollution management plans and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a)& (b). Government of India and United States Environment Protection Agency (USEPA) had a discussion on monitoring of air quality in the country. USEPA has proposed to provide a technical assistance on evaluating current network characteristics, measurement method and technique, maintenance and repair procedures, data management protocols and applications, data dissemination tools and methods and program expansion plans.
- (c) According to Central Pollution Control Board, an amount of Rs. 10,89,78,393 during 2011-12, Rs. 7,92,27,282 during 2012-13, Rs. 7,25,83,500 during 2013-14, Rs. 7,94,04,711 during 2014-15 have been released to State and UT Governments including for metropolitan cities for air quality monitoring under National Air Quality Monitoring Programme (NAMP).
- (d) The Government has not received any proposal for public private partnership for management of traffic and industrial pollution.