

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

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Impact of Climate Change on Monuments
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified the monuments which are vulnerable to climatic change and air pollution;
- (b) if so, the details of such monuments;
- (c) whether the Government has also fixed any norms for setting up of industries/ restriction on industries functioning near such monuments; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Taj Mahal in Agra has been identified as a monument, which needs to be protected from air pollution. No nationwide exercise has been undertaken to identify specific monuments which are vulnerable to climatic change and air pollution.

(c)&(d) To protect Taj Mahal from air pollution a Taj Trapezium Zone (TTZ) has been notified and restrictions have been imposed. The existing industries have to strictly comply with the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of 1996 and no new or expansion in the existing units is allowed in TTZ area. The Government has established Taj Trapezium Authority under The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for mitigation of pollution in TTZ area and to minimize adverse impact of pollution on Taj Mahal.
