

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

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Air Monitoring Stations

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to set up 60 air monitoring stations by this year end in 12 States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and locations identified for the purpose;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to collaborate with some PSUs in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the MET department which has its own monitoring stations in different parts of the country is also likely to be involved in the project; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the financial requirement for the projects and the manner of its funding?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The Ambient Air quality is monitored at 593 manual stations located in 249 cities, towns and industrial areas as on 30.06.2015. Steps have been initiated by the Central Pollution Control Board to install 44 Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations in 12 Cities in 10 States in association with Central Public Sector Undertakings. The cities which covered are Vishakhapatnam, Raipur, Hyderabad, Delhi, Kolkatta, Faridabad, Nagpur, Thane, Bhopal, Ranchi, Ghaziabad and Varanasi.

(d)& (e) Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune under the aegis of the Ministry of Earth Sciences is operating its stations for forecasting ambient air quality purpose, out of its own funds.
