

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

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

- (a) whether any new benchmarks for pollution norms for cement industries have been notified;
- (b) if so, the details along with the likely impact thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken for effective compliance of pollution norms?

Answer

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

(a) & (b). Yes, Sir. The revised environmental standards for cement industries have been notified on 25th August 2014 in the official Gazette. The implementation of said standards would improve the ambient air quality, especially in and around cement plants and promote water conservation in cement sector.

(c). For effective compliance of pollution norms, the revised standards have been loaded on the website of the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change and the Central Pollution Control Board. All the State Pollution Control Boards/Pollution Control Committees of UTs and Cement Manufacturers' Association have been provided with a copy of notification. Press Information Bureau has issued a Press Note on 2nd September, 2014 for wider publicity.