

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 3413
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2018

Levels of Benzene in the air of Delhi

3413. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:
SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

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

- (a) whether as per the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), level of Benzene in the air in Delhi has spiked consistently at an alarming level which is a cause of cancer;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government would make it mandatory to construct cycle tracks on the roads while granting environmental clearances;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) to (b) As per the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), level of Benzene in the air in Delhi is within the national standard of $5.0 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ except for the year 2013. The benzene concentration in Delhi for the last five years (CPCB operated stations) is given in Annexure-I.
- (c) to (e) Presently, no proposal is lying with the government to make it mandatory to construct cycle tracks on the roads while granting environmental clearances.

Annexure-I

Benzene Concentration in Delhi ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)					
Location / Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
DMS, Shadipur	9.0	4.5	2.7	3.9	4.7
NSIT, Dwaraka	8.4	4.4	2.7	3.3	3.3
Annual Standard	5.0				