

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2304**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2026

**AQI levels in cities**

2304. SHRI ASHOK SINGH:

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

- (a) the details of top 10 cities with worst air quality during 2024-25;
- (b) the number of 200+ AQI days in these cities during 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26;
- (c) the average highest AQI during the months of October, November, December, January in these cities for these years; and
- (d) the budget allocations made towards clean air initiatives?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

**(a), (b) & (c):** Air Quality Index (AQI) has been classified into Good Days having AQI<200 (Good: 0-50, Satisfactory: 51-100, Moderate: 101-200) and Bad Days having AQI > 201 (Poor: 201-300; Very Poor: 301-400; Severe: 401-500). The top ten cities having highest number of bad days in the year 2024 along with details of 200+ AQI during 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 are enclosed at the **Annexure I**.

Details of average highest AQI levels of above mentioned cities during October, November, December and January in the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 are enclosed at **Annexure II**.

**(d):** Under National Clean Air Programme (NCAP), an amount of Rs. 13,865.53 crore has been provided to 130 cities as an air quality performance-based incentive for implementation of air quality improvement measures including Rs.1010.45 crore to above mentioned 10 cities.

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**Annexure I****Details of top ten cities having highest number of bad days in the year 2024 along with details of 200+ AQI during 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025**

Sr. No.	State/UTs	City	Number of days having AQI>200			
			2022	2023	2024	2025
1	Uttar Pradesh	Greater Noida	182	178	186	114
2	Rajasthan	Sri Ganganagar	NM	114	179	85
3	Assam	Byrnihat	NM	187	171	90
4	Haryana	Gurugram	187	145	164	149
5	Delhi	Delhi	202	159	159	165
6	Uttar Pradesh	Noida	183	138	153	106
7	Bihar	Patna	152	163	148	54
8	Uttar Pradesh	Muzaffarnagar	167	126	141	83
9	Haryana	Faridabad	187	129	140	66
10	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad	197	132	128	135

**NM:-** Not monitored

## Annexure - II

**Details of average AQI levels during October, November, December and January of cities in the years 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26**

Sr. No.	State / UT	City	Year	Month	Day of Month on which Highest AQI Observed	Maximum AQI value
1	Bihar	Patna	2022	Oct	29	276
				Nov	30	395
				Dec	30	424
			2023	Jan	1	414
				Oct	31	232
				Nov	11	375
				Dec	1	356
			2024	Jan	3	366
				Oct	17	235
				Nov	12	340
				Dec	16	298
			2025	Jan	6	316
				Oct	21	226
				Nov	5	202
Dec	13	226				
2026	Jan	17	236			
2	Delhi	Delhi	2022	Oct	29	397
				Nov	3	450
				Dec	19	410
			2023	Jan	9	434
				Oct	31	357
				Nov	3	468
				Dec	23	449
			2024	Jan	14	447
				Oct	23	364
				Nov	18	494
				Dec	19	451
			2025	Jan	10	397
				Oct	30	373
				Nov	11	428
Dec	14	461				
2026	Jan	18	440			
3	Haryana	Faridabad	2022	Oct	29	400
				Nov	4	425
				Dec	19	388
			2023	Jan	9	434
				Oct	22	322
				Nov	3	460
				Dec	23	367

Sr. No.	State / UT	City	Year	Month	Day of Month on which Highest AQI Observed	Maximum AQI value
			2024	Jan	14	398
				Oct	31	251
				Nov	18	367
				Dec	19	279
			2025	Jan	4	284
				Oct	21	268
				Nov	11	298
				Dec	28	255
			2026	Jan	20	262
			4	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad	2022
Nov	3	416				
Dec	19	373				
2023	Jan	6				406
	Oct	28				291
	Nov	3				410
	Dec	23				388
2024	Jan	14				392
	Oct	27				324
	Nov	18				438
	Dec	17				403
2025	Jan	9				332
	Oct	30				364
	Nov	23				437
	Dec	14	459			
2026	Jan	18	458			
5	Uttar Pradesh	Noida	2022	Oct	29	381
				Nov	3	423
				Dec	19	377
			2023	Jan	9	434
				Oct	31	329
				Nov	3	440
				Dec	23	390
			2024	Jan	14	456
				Oct	27	304
				Nov	18	423
				Dec	17	390
			2025	Jan	4	365
				Oct	30	372
				Nov	11	425
Dec	14	466				
2026	Jan	18	430			
6	Uttar Pradesh	Greater Noida	2022	Oct	29	385
				Nov	4	425

Sr. No.	State / UT	City	Year	Month	Day of Month on which Highest AQI Observed	Maximum AQI value	
				Dec	19	442	
				2023	Jan	6	434
					Oct	31	375
			Nov		3	494	
			Dec		22	386	
			2024	Jan	14	421	
				Oct	27	312	
				Nov	18	372	
				Dec	17	380	
			2025	Jan	3	334	
				Oct	30	330	
				Nov	18	454	
				Dec	15	447	
2026	Jan	18	402				
7	Rajasthan	Sri Ganganagar	2022	Oct	NA		
				Nov	NA		
				Dec	NA		
			2023	Jan	NA		
				Oct	30	368	
				Nov	19	441	
				Dec	26	403	
			2024	Jan	29	396	
				Oct	22	304	
				Nov	4	417	
			2025	Dec	18	323	
				Jan	31	264	
				Oct	22	300	
Nov	21	300					
2026	Dec	22	316				
8	Uttar Pradesh	Muzaffarnagar	2022	Jan	13	324	
				Oct	26	335	
				Nov	9	365	
			2023	Dec	17	399	
				Jan	2	367	
				Oct	31	327	
				Nov	6	340	
			2024	Dec	21	394	
				Jan	31	360	
				Oct	17	327	
				Nov	16	383	
			2025	Dec	23	255	
				Jan	3	251	
2025	Oct	27	313				

Sr. No.	State / UT	City	Year	Month	Day of Month on which Highest AQI Observed	Maximum AQI value
9	Assam	Byrnihat		Nov	23	382
				Dec	12	400
			2026	Jan	18	322
			2022	Oct	NA	
				Nov	NA	
				Dec	24	413
			2023	Jan	15	442
				Oct	25	302
				Nov	27	365
				Dec	5	379
			2024	Jan	31	366
				Oct	18	279
				Nov	15	302
				Dec	22	383
			2025	Jan	11	422
				Oct	7	122
				Nov	11	136
				Dec	7	222
			2026	Jan	22	181
10	Haryana	Gurugram	2022	Oct	31	376
				Nov	3	430
				Dec	19	383
			2023	Jan	9	397
				Oct	22	255
				Nov	4	404
				Dec	23	350
			2024	Jan	14	364
				Oct	31	296
				Nov	18	469
				Dec	18	400
			2025	Jan	29	318
				Oct	21	370
				Nov	11	378
				Dec	23	364
			2026	Jan	20	394

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