

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 707**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2026

**CAAQMS stations**

707. SHRI CHANDRAKANT DAMODAR HANDORE:

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

- (a) the number of Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (CAAQMS) currently operational in the country;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to increase air quality monitoring stations in pollution-prone districts; and
- (c) the timelines for operationalizing the new stations?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a):** There are 566 Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations operational in 293 cities across the country.

**(b) to (c):** CPCB has issued guidelines for establishing Ambient Air Quality Monitoring stations namely, “Guidelines for the Measurement of Ambient Air Pollutants (Volume-I: Guidelines for Manual Sampling & Analyses, and Volume-II: Guidelines for Real Time Sampling & Analyses)”. Further, CPCB has also issued “Technical Handbook for Installation, Maintenance, Calibration, Data Connectivity and Data Quality check of Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring System (Real Time)”. Concerned State Pollution Control Boards/Pollution Control Committees install and operate monitoring stations to collect ambient air quality, in line with the criteria issued by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

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