

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No.699**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2022

**Environmental Clearance to Central Vista Projects**

699. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY NALAMADA:

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

- (a) Whether all projects under the Central Vista project have received the appropriate environmental clearances and whether the Government has conducted Environmental Impact Assessments for each project and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) Whether the Government has studied the impact of construction work for the Central Vista project on air quality in surrounding areas;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the air quality indices in the Central Vista project area over the last three years for the month of November; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) to (d) Environmental Clearances have been granted to the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) for projects under Central Vista Development/ Redevelopment Master Plan on 17.06.2020, 31.05.2021 and 01.09.2022 for the projects related to (i) expansion and renovation of Existing Parliament Building; (ii) development/redevelopment of Common Central Secretariat Buildings and Central Conference Centre along with Prime Minister's Residence, SPG Buildings and Vice President Enclave and; (iii) development/redevelopment of Executive Enclave, respectively, after observing all due diligence as per the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 as amended.

The EIA/EMP studies carried out for above mentioned projects *inter alia* include evaluation of the baseline environmental quality in respect of water, air, noise, biodiversity, socioeconomic and public health along with projected impacts due to proposed activities. In order to mitigate negative impacts of the project on environment, additional specific conditions have been stipulated based on appraisal of various environmental parameters including air quality while granting the projects for environmental clearance.

The air quality in Delhi including that in Central Vista Area is dependent not only on anthropogenic as well as meteorological factors such as contribution to air pollution from industries, vehicles, dust, stubble burning, burning of solid waste, wind speed, sunshine etc. Leaving the exception of year 2020, being a Covid year, the air quality in 2022 till November has shown improvement over the corresponding period of 2021.

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