

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 615
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2023

Meetings held by CAQM

615. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

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

- (a) whether the Government/Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) in NCR and Adjoining Areas held number of meetings in the recent years and recently also in order to address the dangerous and deteriorating level of air quality and pollution in Delhi and NCR region;
- (b) if so, the details of the meetings held during the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) whether the CAQM propose to rope in experts and also emergency and long term measures are being initiated to address the issues; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b)

With a view to abate high levels of air pollution arising from various contributing factors / activities in the NCR, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has held regular meetings with the stakeholder agencies concerned, including officials in the State Govt. of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and GNCT of Delhi. The details of the meetings held during the last three years, year-wise are as given as Annexure-I.

(c) & (d)

The CAQM from time to time seeks expert advice from academic / technical / research institutes of experts from Indian Metrological Department (IITM), CPCB, IITs, CSIR-NEERI, ISRO, IARI etc. in order to deal with various issues related to air quality of Delhi and measures for management of air pollution in Delhi and NCR.

Further, to monitor, prevent, control and abate air pollution in Delhi-NCR arising from various contributing sources / sectors, the Commission has approved 07 (seven) research and development pilot projects for field demonstration and evaluation of various technology interventions.

Details of meetings held by CAQM

Meeting of the Commission / Sub Committees	Number of meeting held	
	2021-2022	2022-2023
Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (Full Commission)	08	03
Statutory Sub-Committee	10	08
Other Sub-Committee Meetings, Expert Committees meetings & Misc. subject specific meetings etc.	43	105
Total	61	116