

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3676
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2025**

DEATHS DUE TO AIR POLLUTION

3676. SHRI TATKARE SUNIL DATTATREY:

Will the **Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether according to the non-profit Health Effects Institute of the USA, over a million Indians die prematurely every year due to air pollution and according to the Delhi Heart and Lung Institute over a couple of million children, half the children in Delhi alone, have abnormalities in their lung function;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Asthma is the most common health problem faced by Indians and more than half of the health issues caused by air pollution significantly increased in the country over the past decade and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the air pollution is believed to be one of the key factors in accelerating the onset of Alzheimer's disease in the country?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY
WELFARE**

(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)

(a) to (d) Air pollution is one of the triggering factors for respiratory ailments and associated diseases. There is no conclusive data available in the country to establish direct correlation of death/ disease exclusively due to air pollution. Health effects of air pollution are synergistic manifestation of factors, which include food habits, occupational habits, socio-economic status, medical history, immunity, heredity, etc., of the individuals.
