

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1349
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2025

Steps to Mitigate Air Pollution

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

- (a) whether it a fact that several cities in the country are among the most polluted cities in the world;
- (b) the details of the most polluted cities across the country along with the current levels of pollution in each of these cities, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted/proposes to conduct any study in this regard, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is a fact that severe air pollution poses significant health risks and economic costs;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by the Government during the last three years to ensure that pollution level are significantly reduced; and
- (f) the amount spent by the Government on the various Schemes for environment protection

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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(a) to (f): Various studies have been conducted by academic and research institutes on impact of air pollution.

The Government of India has launched the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) in 2019 as a long-term, time-bound, national-level strategy to address air pollution in 130 non-attainment and million plus cities/urban agglomeration in 24 States/UTs

City Specific Clean Air Action Plans have been prepared by all 130 cities under NCAP to implement air quality improvement measures in respective cities. These plans target air pollution sources like soil & road dust, vehicular emissions, waste burning, Construction & Demolition activities and industrial pollution.

Out of 130 cities under NCAP, 48 Million-Plus Cities/ Urban Agglomerations are funded under XVth Finance Commission Million Plus City Challenge Fund as an air quality performance grant, and the remaining 82 cities are funded under the Control of Pollution Scheme of MoEFCC. Accordingly, Rs 13,415Crore has been released under NCAP for 130 Cities under critical gap funding from 2019-20 to till date.

In addition to this, NCAP emphasizes mobilization of resources through the convergence of resources from various Central Government schemes such as Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban), AMRUT, Smart City Mission, PM e-Bus Sewa, PM E-DRIVE, SATAT, and Nagar Van Yojana, as well as resources from State Govts./ UT administration and agencies like Municipal Corporations and Urban Development authorities. Various Ministries/Departments of Govt. of India provide funding under their Schemes/ Programmes as per their budgets.
