

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1519
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.05.2016

Pollution due to Cremation

1519. SHRI YOGI ADITYA NATH:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any special scheme to make cremation grounds pollution free in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to make cremation process environmental friendly and pollution free?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (c) Burning of corpses in traditional ways causes pollution particularly air pollution. To reduce the air pollution at cremation grounds due to burning of corpses, Government and other concerned agencies are promoting environment friendly alternatives for cremation like electric cremation. Government is also promoting use of CNG/PNG for cremation to reduce pollution and creating awareness to change the mindset of people for adopting environment friendly practices. National Green Tribunal has also directed various agencies including Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, local bodies, municipal corporations and Delhi Cantonment Board to initiate programmes for providing alternative modes of cremation.