

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

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IMPACT ON POLLUTION IN DELHI DUE TO BAN ON DIESEL VEHICLES  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any assessment has been made regarding change in air/noise pollution in Delhi after ban on plying of diesel run public transport buses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the agency through which the impact of the ban of diesel vehicles on air pollution has been assessed alongwith its findings on the issue; and
- (d) the number of buses fined for running on diesel and the amount thus collected so far ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a), (b) & (c) The ambient air quality monitoring carried out by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) at traffic intersection of Bahadurshah Jaffar Marg, Delhi before and after the Supreme Court imposed restriction on 5.4.2002 on plying of diesel run public transport buses indicated the following levels of air pollution:

S.No.    Period    Respirable Suspended Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) Sulphur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)  
                  Particulate Matter (RSPM)

Quarterly average data in micrograms per cubic meter.

1. January to March, 2002    315    78    10

2. April to June, 2002    265    73    9

No assessment has been made regarding change in noise pollution in Delhi after ban on plying of diesel run public transport buses.

(d) According to the Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi, in compliance with the directions of the Supreme Court dated 5th April, 2002, diesel driven buses are permitted to ply on day to day basis only after depositing the requisite costs. Since the cost is being realised from the diesel buses on day to day basis, the number of such buses keep on varying from day to day, Rs.17,03,50,500/- (Rupees Seventeen crore three lakh fifty thousand and five hundred only) has been realised as cost from diesel buses.