

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

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POLLUTION LEVEL IN CITIES  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) the latest ranking of cities based on Respirable Suspended Particulate Matter (RSPM) levels obtained under the National Air Quality Monitoring Programme (NAMP); and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to check the increasing pollution in the cities?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) The Central Pollution Control Board is executing a nation-wide programme of ambient air quality monitoring known as National Air Quality Monitoring Programme (NAMP). Based on the monitoring of ambient air quality, cities have been ranked as per the levels of Respirable Suspended Particulate Matter (RSPM) measured in residential area during 2005. The list of cities and their pollution level is annexed.

(b) The steps taken to abate air pollution include:

- Notification of general and source specific environmental standards;
- Identification of sources of pollution;
- Control of vehicular pollution through promotion of cleaner fuels and enforcement of auto exhaust standards at manufacturing stage;
- Introduction of Pollution Under Control (PUC) Certification system for in use vehicles;
  
- Preparation of city specific Action Plans for improvement of air quality; and
  
- Regular monitoring for environmental compliance.