

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

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NOISE POLLUTION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether airports have become a major source of noise pollution in the country, particularly in the metros;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken/proposes to undertake a noise pollution monitoring exercise; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the limitations involved in the implementation of such exercise; and
- (f) the measures proposed/initiated to overcome the same?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The increase in the air traffic in airports, particularly in metro cities, is one of the major sources contributing to noise pollution in the vicinity of airports.
- (c) & (d) The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) had sponsored a study to Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee for monitoring the ambient noise levels around Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi. CPCB has also carried out ambient noise level monitoring around Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Airport Kolkata. The monitoring results indicate that the noise levels exceed in comparison to the notified ambient noise standards.
- (e) & (f) For effective monitoring of the ambient noise levels around the airports due to movement of aircrafts and for establishment of necessary monitoring network, the CPCB has initiated preparation of a document on "Procedure for Monitoring Ambient Noise Levels around Airport due to Aircrafts".