

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

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AIR POLLUTION IN ASIAN CITIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of a study which finds high air pollution level in Asian cities as reported in the 'Hindu' dated December 08, 2004;
- (b) if so, whether the impact of outdoor air pollution in Asian cities is rapidly increasing;
- (c) if so, whether the Government have taken any steps in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Health Effects Institute (HEI), Boston has carried out a study on ' Health Effects of Outdoor Air Pollution in Developing Countries of Asia' reporting combustion as the main source of air pollution in most Asian cities. As per the projections in the study, the expected economic growth may experience substantial increases in its use of coal and motor vehicle fuels.

(c) & (d) The steps taken by the Government to abate air pollution include:

- # Identification of sources of air pollution.
- # Notification and enforcement of air quality and emission standards.
- # Regular monitoring of air quality.
- #Introduction of improved technologies and cleaner fuels.
- #Issuance of notices/directions to defaulting units for installation of pollution control devices.
- # Implementation of the Charter on Corporate Responsibility for Environmental Protection for 17 categories of polluting industries.