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Title: Regarding rising level of air pollution in the Country.

SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI (BARRACKPUR): Rising level of air pollution is one of the most pressing public health disasters of our time, We are suffering from a state of air-emergency. Actions cannot be geared towards desperate short-term rewards.

Countries like China that have had similar problems have taken various steps to control the rising pollution. China has instituted a broad, regionally coordinated system of air pollution monitoring, installed high-tech pollution abatement equipment on a majority of its power plants, as well as devised means to restrict car ownership in major cities. It has also developed a network of 1,500 air quality-monitoring stations in over 900 cities (India has only 39 such stations covering 23 cities). 95% of China's power plants have pollution filters and it is 10% in India.

I urge upon the Government to come up with time-targeted plans, comprehensive schemes and invest in ensuring basic human right of access to clean air.