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RAJYA SABHA

- (vi) Creation of awareness about the importance of conservation of birds.

**Action plan to check pollution in Delhi**

3773. DR.ABRARAHMED:

PROF.RBS.VARMA:

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

- (a) whether Government have formulated any specific action plan to check the day-by-day increasing pollution in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the comprehensive details thereof; and
- (c) the funds spent by Government to check the pollution in Delhi during the last four years alongwith the year-wise and item-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIDILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) and (b) The Government has prepared a specific Action Plan to control pollution in Delhi in a time bound programme entailing a coordinated inter departmental strategy. This Plan includes strategies to control air, vehicular, water, industrial and noise pollution.

(c) To improve the quality of environment in Delhi, Government has released Rs. 166.21 crores under the Yamuna Action Plan and Rs. 23.00 crores to install Common Effluent Treatment Plants.

**Failure of Bt. Cotton in Andhra Pradesh**

3774. SHRIN.RDASARI:

SHRIV.VRAGHAVAN:

SHRIEKANATHK THAKUR:

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

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the opinion being expressed by the environmental activist group Green peace as well as the Andhra Pradesh Minister for agriculture that the Bt. Cotton was a failure;
- (b) if so, the details;
- (c) whether any official study has been conducted into the success of Bt. Cotton where it has been experimented; and