

# Putting your health on the political agenda



## So when will clean air get votes?

- **Nov 1, 1996**, CSE launched its Right to Clean Air campaign to build pressure on the government to act fast. Its book **SLOWMURDER, the deadly story of vehicular pollution in India** released by Shri K.R.Narayanan, now the President of India.
- **Nov 18, 1996**, Supreme Court issued suo moto notice to Delhi government, asked for action plan on air pollution.
- **Dec 1996**, the first comprehensive action plan submitted. But no action...
- **Nov 1, 1997**, CSE organised a public meeting to press for action.
- **Dec 2, 1997**, Ministry of Environment and Forests issued White Paper on pollution in Delhi
- **Jan 7, 1998** Supreme Court directed government to set up the Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority, a body to help control pollution.
- **July 28, 1998**, Supreme Court issued far reaching orders on controlling pollution.
- **Nov 1, 1998**, CSE put forward a 7-point action agenda. Delhi residents flooded the Prime Minister's office with phone calls asking for action.

**But dilly dallying by government continues...**