

# Pollution Emergency!

Other countries draw up special emergency measures. They shut down factories and pull cars off the roads. Like Mexico City. If we did this...

**Delhi would have to be shut down for 6 months in a year!**

Over 70 per cent of the pollution comes from vehicles. Delhi has more vehicles than Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai combined. And the numbers are growing and growing...

CPCB data for 1998-99 shows:

- ✗ **Tiny toxic particles (RSPM)**, above the Indian permissible limit, almost everyday,  
can perforate your lungs
- ✗ **Carbon monoxide**, above the limit, almost everyday,  
can curdle your blood
- ✗ **Nitrogen dioxide**, above the limit, one out of every 5 days,  
can damage your lungs
- ✗ **Benzene**, 12 to 400 times higher than the permissible European limit,  
can give you blood cancer

