

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2234  
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2002  
INDO-EUROPEAN STUDY ON CLIMATE CHANGES  
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**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any proposal for greater scientific and technological ties between India and European Union to study the climate changes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the likely benefits of the said ties?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is attached

STATEMENT AS REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2234 FOR ANSWER ON 03-12-2002 REGARDING 'INDO-EUROPEAN STUDY ON CLIMATE CHANGES.'

No Sir, currently there are no formal collaborative research programmes on climate change with the European Union.

The Department of Science & Technology has however initiated a proposal for setting up an International Centre for S&T Capacity Building in Climate Change for Developing Countries recently. The details of this concept were presented and deliberated at national level during an interactive session and at international level at the International Conference on S&T Capacity Building for Climate Change organized by DST. Further, the recommendations from these meetings were presented at a Side Event during the recently concluded United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)'s Conference of Parties (COP-8) hosted by India in New Delhi during 23rd October to 1st November 2002. Several international funding agencies and organizations, including the European Union had expressed their keen interest to support and collaborate with India for building institutional mechanism for S&T Capacity Building in the area of climate change. Towards this end, DST has already initiated follow-up actions to prepare detailed project proposal and seek funding as well as technical support from international agencies.

These ties would improve S&T capacities of the participating countries to deal with climate change issues, particularly facilitating improvement in our skills to predict future climate change in the region, carry out impact analyses on crucial sectors such as agriculture and health and enable transfer of technology suited to our requirements.