

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

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WORLD SOLIDARITY FUND UNDER EARTH SUMMIT

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

- (a) Whether at the recent Earth Summit held at Johannesburg it was decided to set up a World Solidarity Fund for encouraging sustainable development;
- (b) if so, the constitution, objectives, mode of operation and the governing body thereof;
- (c) the Indian contribution towards the fund;
- (d) whether any norms have been laid down for aid to different countries under this fund to ensure and encourage sustainable development and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the aid expected for India from this Fund for curbing degradation and achieving Sustainable development under the Tenth Five Year Plan period?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

- (a) No, Sir. However, the Plan of Implementation, the final outcome document of the World Summit on Sustainable Development mentions about the establishment of a World Solidarity Fund, to eliminate poverty and to promote social and human development in developing countries.
- (b) The constitution, objectives, mode of operation and the governing body etc. for the above Fund have not been laid down.
- (c),(d)&(e): Do not arise.