

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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FUNDS FOR OZONE DEPLETING SUBSTANCES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is leading the Executive Committee of Multi Lateral Fund for cessation of production of Ozone depleting substances;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard and the major gains of the Montreal Protocol;
- (c) the amount of funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years and the funds available to India in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government have chalked out programmes to utilize the fund for the production of Ozone Depleting Substances and CFC (Chloro Fluoro Carbons); and
- (e) if so, the details of the projects initiated and the possible outcome or expected results by implementing these projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

- (a) & (b) The Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund is the apex body of the Montreal Protocol which approves funds for phase out projects in production and consumption sector for developing countries, in order to enable them to comply with the control measures as specified in the Protocol. The Executive Committee consists of seven Parties from developing countries and seven Parties from developed countries. The Meeting of Parties at its XI meeting held in Beijing in December, 1999 selected India as member and the Chairman of the Executive Committee for the calendar year 2000.
- (c) The Meeting of Parties to the Montreal Protocol allocated US \$ 540 million to the Multilateral Fund during the year 1997-99. The Executive Committee has approved US \$ 47 million for implementation of conversion projects in India during the last three years.
- (d) & (e) A gradual phaseout project for production of CFCs has been prepared and submitted to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee at its 29th meeting in November, 1999 approved US \$ 82 million for the phased reduction and cessation of the CFC production in India.