

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

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NATIONAL STRATEGY ON CLIMATE CHANGE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes a national strategy on climate change;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has set up any panel in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the composition of the panel; and
- (e) the time by which said panel is likely to submit their report?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) A Council on Climate Change has been set up under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister, with the focus to evolve a coordinated response to issues related to climate change; provide oversight for formulation of action plans in the area of assessment, adaptation and mitigation of climate change; and periodically monitor key policy decisions. In its first meeting held on 13 July 2007 the Council has decided inter-alia that India's National Report on Climate Change be prepared.

(c) to (e) The Government has set up an "Expert Committee on Impacts of Climate Change". The Terms of Reference of the Committee are as under:

- (i) To study the impacts of anthropogenic climate change on India.
- (ii) To identify the measures that we may have to take in the future in relation to addressing vulnerability to anthropogenic climate change impacts.
- (iii) Any other matter relevant to
(i) and
(ii) above.

The Composition of the Expert Committee is as follows:

1. Dr. R. Chidambaram, Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India - Chairman
2. Dr. R.K. Pachauri, DG, TERI - Member
3. Prof. N.H. Ravindranath, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore- Member
4. Prof. A.K. Gosain, IIT, New Delhi. - Member
5. Dr. Kanchan Chopra, IEG, Delhi- Member
6. Dr Ligia Noronha, TERI- Member
7. Dr. Anand Patwardhan, TIFAC- Member
8. Dr. R. Sukumar, IISc, Bangalore- Member
9. Dr. S.K.Sikka, Scientific Secretary, Office of the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India. - Member
10. Dr. Prodipto Ghosh, C-1/53, Bapa Nagar, N. Delhi

The following have been nominated as ex-officio members:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests.
2. Secretary, Department of Science and Technology.
3. Secretary Ministry of Earth Sciences
4. Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research & Education.
5. Secretary, Council for Scientific & Industrial Research.
6. Principal Adviser, Planning Commission dealing with environment.
7. Director, Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune
8. Head Environment Division, Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI), Pusa, New Delhi
9. Director, Malaria Research Centre, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi.
10. Director, National Institute of Oceanography, Goa.

11. Executive Director, National Institute of Disaster Management, New Delhi
12. Director General, Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education, Dehradun
13. Joint Secretary (Climate Change) – Secretary

The tenure of the Expert Committee is of three years, which could be extended further with the approval of the Competent Authority. The Committee shall be submitting its reports to the Government from time to time.