

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

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IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to enact an legislation in order to bring down the level of carbon emission to reduce the impact of climate change in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the steps being taken by the Government in the regard; and
- (c) the details of the benefits that are likely to accrue as a result thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) India is a party to the Kyoto Protocol of the United National Framework Convention on climate change which lays down specific obligation of the parties and the measures to taken by them to reduce greenhouse gas emission. As per the Protocol, only Annex I Parties, i.e., industrialized Country Parties are obliged to take quantified emission limitation reduction targets. Developing Countries including India have no such emission reduction targets. However, Government has been following a path of sustainable development through a range of policies and programmes including promotion of environment friendly technologies to protect the environment while also yielding co-benefits for addressing climate change effectively.

Some of the steps taken by the Government include,inter alia,setting up of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency and encouraging energy conservation and introduction of energy efficiency labeling, promoting use of renewable energy, power sector reform, use of cleaner and lesser carbon-intensive fuel for transport, fuel flaring, encouraging Mass rapid transport systems and environmental quality management for all sectors.

Further,Government of India has released the National Action Plan on climate change (NAPCC) i n June 2008, firstly, to adapt to climate and secondly, to further enhance of the ecological sustainable Habitat, National Water Mission, National Mission for sustaining the Himalayan Eco-System, National Mission for a green India, National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture, National Mission of Strategic Knowledge for Climate Change, to address the concerns of climate change.