

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

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PROMOTION OF GREEN TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made by India in the promotion and application of green technology vis-à-vis other countries of the world including China;
- (b) the funds` allocated for the purpose and the steps taken by the Government for promotion of green technology in the country;
- (c) whether the Government is facing difficulties in application of green technology and;
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- (a) Efforts have been made by the Government for promotion and application of green/clean technologies in the country. The Ministry of Environment and Forests has been implementing a scheme for development and promotion of clean technology since 1994 to meet the environmental challenges. The Charter of Corporate Responsibility for Environmental Protection (CREP) is under implementation for 17 categories of highly polluting industries. It is not possible to give a quantitative comparison of the progress made by India in this regard with respect to other countries.
- (b) During the financial year 2009-10, an amount of Rs. 3.05 crores has been allocated for development and promotion of clean technology. CREP is a voluntary initiative by the private sector, which is facilitated by the government. Other important steps taken by the government include provision of grants-in-aid for demonstration projects to Research Institutions, capacity building programmes for environmental managers and creation of data base for clean technologies in India.
- (c)& (d) Strong patent regimes in the developed countries, lack of capacity for project appraisal by the financial institutions to switch over to Cleaner Technologies, inadequate indigenous Research and Development programmes and limited resources of the small scale sector for adoption of cleaner technologies are the major difficulties faced by the Government in this regard.