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

(a) whether recently released UN study on the possible consequences of global warming in the next 30 years has identified India as one of the hot sports and vulnerable to extreme weather events like drought, floods and cyclones;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to counter the ill-effects of climate change; and

(d) the budget allocated for the purpose?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Government is aware of a study conducted by CARE international in 2008 in collaboration with the UN office for the coordination of Humanitarians Affairs that has examined possible consequences of global warming in the next 20 to 30 years and identified India as one of the "hot-spots," particularly vulnerable to increase in extreme weather events.

(c)to(d) The Government is aware of implications of climate change and its likely adverse impacts on various sectors in India. Government follows a policy of sustainable development through a range of programmes aimed at energy conservation, improving energy efficiency, promoting renewable energy, power sector reforms, use of lesser carbon intensive fuel for transport, afforestation and conservation of forests, promotion of clean coal technologies and encouraging Mass Rapid Transport System. National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) launched by GOI on 30th June 2008 outlines a strategy to meet the challenge of Climate Change through a combination of sectoral measures taken by government in consultation with various stakeholders including state governments.

The National Missions are to be institutionalised by the respective Ministries. Upon approval of Missions, the respective Ministries consider allocating appropriate budget according to identified requirements.