

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FUNDS TO STUDY CLIMATE CHANGE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Planning Commission has assured the nodal Ministry for allocating substantial funds to study climate change impact on India as reported in the media;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Kasturirangan Committee, which was constituted to look into various aspects of climate change has submitted its report;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the main features of the recommendations made by the Committee; and
- (e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) & (b): According to the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) unveiled in 2008, the 8 National Missions represent a multi-pronged, long term and integrated approach for addressing climate change. The NAPCC also outlines other initiatives which aim at promoting technologies and action that will address Climate Change. The Draft Mission documents have been prepared by the Nodal Ministries and are at various stages of approval. These Mission Documents are expected to outline not only the Way Forward and Time Line but also funds required. When the Reports are received in Planning Commission, these will be considered for appropriate financial support.

(c) to (e): There is no Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. K. Kasturirangan to study impact of climate change in India. However, an Expert Group on Low Carbon Economy under the chairmanship of Dr. Kirit S. Parikh, former Member (Energy) of Planning Commission has been set up on 07-01-2010. The Group is expected to present an interim report by end, April, 2010 and a final report by September, 2010.