

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

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DATABASE ON ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to establish its own database of scientific knowledge on environment and climate change;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to extend fellowships to conduct research on environment and climate change; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) National Action Plan on Climate Change includes a National Mission on Strategic Knowledge for Climate Change. The Mission envisages building of a knowledge system including a data base that would inform and support national action for responding effectively to the objective of ecologically sustainable development.

(c) & (d) The Government has launched the National Environmental Sciences Fellow Programme for Indian Scientists to do cutting-edge research on critical issues related to environment in collaboration with selected environmental schools/institutions in India.