GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS LOK SABHA

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

- (a) whether India and China have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)/Agreement on Climate Change and Clean Energy Security;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the MoU;
- (c) the benefits likely to accrue to both the countries as a result thereof;
- (d) whether a Ministerial level meeting was held with China recently; and
- (e) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c) India and China have signed an Agreement on Cooperation on addressing climate change that covers, inter-alia, cooperation in observation and monitoring of climate change and undertaking mutually cooperative activities and programmes, as appropriate. The Agreement covers the areas of energy efficiency, renewable energy, clean energy technologies, sustainable agriculture and afforestation. This Agreement seeks to enhance cooperation with China, promoting mutual understanding and coordination on international issues relating to climate change and cooperation in the area of research development and diffusion of technologies.
- (d) & (e) Minister for External Affairs had a Meeting with the Foreign Minister of the Republic of China during 5-8 April 2010 in China. The Meeting was in the larger context of global developments. The two countries exchanged views, inter-alia, on cooperation in finding a solution to global issue of climate change.