

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

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IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON ECONOMIC GROWTH  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the impact of the climate change has affected the economic growth of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (c) whether any Expert Advisory Committee has been constituted/proposed to be constituted to assess the impact of global warming on Indian economy;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Committee has submitted its report;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and
- (g) if not, the time by which the Committee is likely to submit its report?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (g) India has always faced adverse impacts of climate variability which will be enhanced by climate change. Climate Change has the potential of affecting livelihoods and various sectors of society through exposure to extreme weather events, floods, droughts, sea level rise and natural disasters, etc.

Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change was constituted in June 2007 to coordinate national action for assessment, adaptation and mitigation of climate change.

The Prime Minister released the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) on 30th June 2008 to outline India's strategy to meet the challenge of Climate Change. NAPCC lays down steps that would enable the country to adapt to climate change and enhance ecological sustainability of India's development path. The NAPCC includes eight missions out of which five relate to adaptation, two to mitigation and one relates to strategic knowledge on climate change. The National Solar Mission and the Enhanced Energy Efficiency Mission have been approved by the Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change.

Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change meets from time to time to oversee and guide the approach to climate change policy including formulation and approval of specific initiatives relating to implementation of India's National Action Plan on Climate Change.