

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

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

- (a) whether the United Nations Report on World Population has stated that women are worst affected by the climate change;
- (b) if so, the effects thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has prepared any action plan in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The United Nations Population Fund (NUFPA) report on World Population, 2009 has indicated that women, particularly in poor countries are more vulnerable to the effects of climate change as they are more dependent for livelihood on natural resources, threatened by climate change. Drought and erratic rainfall force women to work harder to secure food, water and energy for their homes.

(c) & (d) Government is aware of the implications of climate change and released National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) on June 30 2008. The NAPCC includes eight National Missions, of which the National Mission on Water, Solar Energy, Sustainable Agriculture and Green India address issues relating to women.