GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6502 ANSWERED ON:05.05.2010 RESEARCH ON GHG EMISSION Bhujbal Shri Sameer ;Rao Shri Sambasiva Rayapati

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

(a) whether the Government has conducted any research on Green House Gas (GHG) emission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated and spent by the Government on such research during Eleventh Plan?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Government of India has done a major study on GHG emissions which was brought out in 2006 report of the Expert Committee on India's Integrated Energy Policy which established the carbon dioxide general profile of India's energy sector. Further, the Government of India supported a number of organizations undertaking studies on India's GHG emission profile and included, inter alia, The Energy & Resources Institute (TERI), Integrated Energy Planning & Development (IRADe), National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) and Jadhavpur University. The Government's role was to give a platform and to ensure that studies are fact based and objective and are not seen as "Government Study". From the finding of the studies it was observed that there was a broad convergence in the estimate of India's GHG emissions and per capita GHG emission in the next decades.

(c) The funds allotted to the studies indicated above in the year 2006 and 2007 were approximately Rs. 2.0 Crores. Majority of the funds were disbursed in the following years as per the progress of work and utilisation certificate submitted.