

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

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ECO-LABEL PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to make it mandatory for firms to produce eco-labelled products to tackle the issues of climate change;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action taken in this regard so far; and
- (d) the time by which the above proposal is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

- (a) There is no proposal under consideration to make production of eco-labelled products on a mandatory basis. However, the Government implements a scheme for `Labelling of Environment Friendly Products` with a view to encourage production of eco-labelled products on a voluntary basis. At present, 16 categories of products like soaps and detergents, paper, food items, lubricating oils and batteries, amongst others, have been notified under the Scheme.
- (b) to (d) The questions do not arise.