

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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IMPOSITION OF TAXES FOR CLIMATE FUND
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the United Nations (UN) high level advisory group on climate change financing has mooted a proposal for imposition of taxes on international flights, cruise travel and forex deals to mobilise \$100 billion in climate funding by 2020;
- (b) if so, whether this issue is likely to come up for discussion at the next UN climate summit to be held in Cancun, Mexico later this year; and
- (c) if so, India's considered stance thereon?

Answer

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

- (a) The Secretary-General of United Nations established the High Level Advisory Group on Climate Change in February 2010. The Advisory group worked around the goal of mobilising US\$100 billion a year by 2020 on Climate Change Financing and concluded that it is challenging but feasible to meet the goal. According to the group, potential sources of raising finance include interalia auctions of emission allowances and domestic carbon taxes in developed countries; carbon pricing international transportation; redeployment of fossil fuel subsidies in developed countries or some form of financial transaction tax; carbon market flows; leveraging multilateral development banks for green investments.
- (b) The Advisory Group has submitted the report to the United Nations Secretary-General with a view of contributing to an appropriate decision of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) at its 16th session in Cancun, Mexico.
- (c) India is of the view that the measures taken or instruments devised in pursuance of the recommendations of the United Nations High Level Advisory Group on Climate Change Financing should not result in incidence of the measures following on developing countries.