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NATIONAL ACTION PLAN ON CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUES

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has finalized a National Action Plan on issues arising out of climate change to deal with the impact of environment change on specific crops;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Expert Committee working under the guidance of the PM's Council on Climate Change has submitted its report;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the action taken by the Union Government on these recommendations; and
- (f) if not, the time by which it is likely to submit its report to the Union Government?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), is one of the eight Missions under the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC). It seeks to address issues regarding 'Sustainable Agriculture' in the context of risks associated with climate change by devising appropriate adaptation and mitigation strategies for ensuring food security, enhancing livelihood opportunities and contributing to economical stability at the national level.

The Programme of Action (POA) proposed under the Mission Document would be operationalized by mainstreaming adaptation and mitigation strategies in ongoing research and development programmes and in flagship schemes including; Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Horticulture Mission (NHM), National Food security Mission (NFSM) etc. through a process of selective up scaling and course correction measures. The mission document on NMSA has been approved for implementation of various interventions to address the issues of climate change in agriculture sector.

(c) to (f) The Expert committee on impacts of Climate Change setup by Ministry of Environment and Forests under the chairmanship of Shri. R Chidambaram, Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India, assessed the impact of anthropogenic climate change on six areas viz. Water Resources, Natural Ecosystem, Coastal Zone management, Climate Modelling, Health, and Agriculture.

The status reports of these sectors have been prepared and many of the recommendations have been subsumed in various missions under the National Action Plan on Climate Change.