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

- (a) whether a Conference on Climate Change Technology Mechanism was held in the recent past in New Delhi;
- (b) if so, the name of the countries and organizations participated in the said Conference;
- (c) the details of the decisions taken by the participant countries during the said Conference;
- (d) whether India has exchange of letters of agreement between United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs on Climate change; and
- (e) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) The Delhi Ministerial dialogue on 'Climate Change: Technology Mechanism' was held on November 9-10 in New Delhi. It provided an opportunity for informal discussion among Ministers and representatives on the possible ways of advancing actions with regard to technology transfer and institutionalizing the relevant decisions at the 16th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change at Cancun.
- (b) The name of countries and organizations that participated in the said Conference is as per Annex.
- (c) The Ministers and representatives at the meeting recalled the central role of technology development and transfer in addressing climate change and the importance accorded to this issue in the United Nations Convention on Climate Change. There was a general view that the mechanism should address both adaptation and mitigation. The representatives discussed on three critical elements of the technology mechanism, namely: (a) Structure and governance; (b) Work programme and priority in activities; and (c) Financing of activities supported by or under the Technology Mechanism. The participants agreed that the Technology Mechanism would consist of a Technology Executive Committee (TEC) and Climate Technology Centres and Networks (CTCN). There was general agreement that the TEC would be the main body providing advice on technology issues to the COP, and that the CTCN would be the operational arm of the Mechanism. They noted considerable convergence amongst Parties for early operationalisation of Technology mechanisms.
- (d)& (e) An exchange of letters of agreement between United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and Government of India to accord Privileges and Immunities as applicable in accordance with the Charter of United Nations to participants to the Technology Ministerial Dialogue was envisaged, but the same could not happen due to procedural delays.