

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA**

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WORLD BANK REPORT ON CLIMATE CHANGE
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank has published a report on "The effect of climate change" in drought and flood affected region of India;
- (b) if so, the salient feature of the report;
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereon;
- (d) whether the World Bank has asked India to establish Climate Information Management System to include basic information to facilitate policy, planning and investment decision in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES AND MINISTER OF TELECOMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

- (a) Yes Madam. The World Bank has released a report entitled 'Climate change impacts in drought and flood affected area: case studies in India' some time back.
- (b) The report brings out the need to promote the mainstreaming and integration of climate related risks such as drought and floods in India's development policies and processes. Through case studies of three drought and flood affected states viz., Maharashtra, Orissa and Andhra Pradesh, the report states that there is a multi-sectoral interest and demand for adaptation solutions in the country. The report focuses the vulnerabilities in natural resources and rural livelihoods, which stand at the front line of climate change impacts.
- (c) The government has initiated several steps to address adaptation issues raised in the above report relating to climate related risks such as drought and floods. There are several ongoing and future programmes planned by the government on climate change adaptation. The Government has released the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) which addresses such issues extensively as outlined in 5 out of 8 National Missions on Climate Change having focus on adaptation of climate change.
- (d) - (e) Yes Madam. The government has taken several steps to make the basic climate information accessible for meeting various requirements that include a climate information management system to help integrating basic information into policy, planning and economic decisions.