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PROMOTION OF FILMS ON ENVIRONMENT

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

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to promote the films made on a concept to conserve environment and forests;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken so far by the Government;
- (c) whether the Government promotes such films in foreign countries also and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has received foreign assistance for conservation of environment and forests; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and utilisation of the funds received?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Government regularly encourages and supports production and dissemination of films and audio visuals materials aimed at enhancing awareness of issues relating to conservation and protection of environment and forests. Several documentary films on subjects such as protection of environment, biodiversity, afforestation, forest conservation, man- animal conflict and better practices regarding use of environmental resources were made with support from government and disseminated through various public services including television channels, radio channels, educational institutions, non government organisation etc. A film titled "Negotiating Justice" prepared by the Ministry of External Affairs was premiered at the Copenhagen Climate summit.

(d) & (e) A memorandum of understanding has been signed with the United States Agency For International Aid (USAID) in October 2010 with the objective of supporting adaptation to climate change and promoting sustainable management practices and activities in forestry sector.