

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether an international environmental conference on sustainable development is being organized to commemorate the first United Nations (UN) global conference on the human environment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the main themes of the said Conference;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to participate in the said Conference;
- (d) if so, details thereof; and
- (e) the proposed themes of the subjects to be delivered by the Indian representatives on the said Conference?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) & (b) The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) – 2012, also known as Rio+20 is being organized between 20 June, 2012 to 22 June, 2012 at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to commemorate 20 years of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) or the Earth Summit 1992. Rio+20 will be convened on the following two themes:

1. Green Economy in the Context of Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication (GESDPE);
2. Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development (IFSD).

(c) Yes.

(d) The composition of the Indian official delegation has not been yet finalized.

(e) The draft of the outcome document is under negotiation at United Nations Headquarters at New York by Member States including India. The themes of the Conference have been stated under reply to para

(a) & (b) above.