

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOW CARBON ECONOMY
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

the details of action plan of the Government on the recommendations of Expert Group on Strategy for a Low Carbon Economy, for effective emission cut and simultaneously maintaining balance with the economic growth of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

The Planning Commission has constituted an Expert Group for drawing up a Low Carbon Strategy for inclusive growth on 7th January, 2010. The Expert Group has submitted its Interim report to the Planning Commission in May, 2011. The Interim Report provides a menu of options that can reduce India's emission intensity through 2020 and some policy measures including options.

The Interim Report indicates that with Determined Efforts, we can bring down India's emission intensity by 23 to 25 per cent and with Aggressive Efforts, we can bring it down by as much as 33 to 35 per cent over the 2005 levels, while sustaining an average real GDP growth rate of 8-9 per cent over the next decade.

The Action Plan, on the recommendation of the Expert Group is expected on submission of the final report.