

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MOU ON CLIMATE CHANGE

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

(a) whether India has Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on climate change with any country of the world including United States of America, Sweden and European Union (EU);

(b) if so, the salient features of the MoU, country-wise; and

(c) the manner in which India is likely to be benefited by the signing of such MoUs?

Answer

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

(a) India has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on climate change with Governments of Italy, Canada, Denmark, Norway and China regarding cooperation on climate change including clean development mechanism projects. No MoUs on climate change have been signed so far with United States of America, Sweden and European Union.

(b) While the MoUs signed with Italy, Canada, Denmark and Norway are intended to stimulate development and bilateral cooperation in the field of clean development mechanism (CDM), the Agreement signed with China focuses on promotion of mutual understanding and coordination of each other's position on climate change related issues including international negotiations and bilateral cooperation in areas relating to energy efficiency, renewable, power, clean coal and other sectors of mutual interest.

(c) The MoUs will help build confidence between India and partner countries and promote development and implementation of CDM projects as well as coordination, mutual understanding and joint strategies on climate change related issues.