

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MEETS ON CLIMATE CHANGE

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

- (a) whether the gap between developed and developing countries including India has widened on the issue related to climate change which was reflected in G-20, finance minister meet, G-8 and Head of States meets held recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the stand taken by India and other developing countries at these platforms;
- (c) whether India and China alongwith other developing countries are united in their effort to resist the West in their attempts to link trade with climate change;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the effort made by India to put forward its concerns and bring other countries to an amicable agreement?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) At the G-8 Leader's summit held in L'Aquila (Italy) in July 2009 and G20 Finance Minister's Meeting held in St. Andrews (UK) in November 2009, issues relating to implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Bali Action plan, in particular, those relating to enhanced action on Mitigation, Adaptation, Technology Development and Transfer and provision of financial resources to support action on mitigation and adaptation have been discussed. Differences persist in the approach of the developed and developing countries towards mitigation actions, long term goal for emission reduction, and financial resources for addressing climate change impacts and vulnerabilities.

(c)&(d) India and China closely coordinate their position with other members of the group of G77 & China on the matters relating to climate change including the adverse impacts of unilateral trade measures proposed by some developed countries to target import of goods & services from developing countries having no emission reduction targets.

(e) India participates actively in the international negotiations conducted by the UNFCCC and other international fora to highlight developing country concerns. Parties are expected to reach an agreed outcome on the relevant issues in the 15th Conference of Parties scheduled in Copenhagen in December 2009.