

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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GHG MITIGATION PROJECTS

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

- (a) the percentage of Green House Gases emitted in the country as compared to global green house gas emission;
- (b) whether the Government have approved Green House Gas (GHG) mitigation projects in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether these projects are likely to attract substantial amount of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into the country;
- (e) the target set by the Government to mitigate the emission of GHGs on yearly basis;
- (f) the level of emission likely to be reduced by 2012 as a result thereof; and
- (g) the effective steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) As per National Communication submitted to UNFCCC, the percentage of Green House Gas (GHG) emitted by India accounts for only 3-4% of the global GHG emissions.
- (b)&(c) As on date, the National CDM Authority has accorded Host Country Approval to 1467 projects. Out of these, 469 projects have been registered by the CDM Executive Board.
- (d) If all the 1467 projects as mentioned above get registered by the CDM Executive Board, it could attract approximately US\$ 6.15 billion dollars into the country by the year 2012 through scale of Certified Emission Reduction (CER) Certificates.
- (e) As per Kyoto Protocol, only Annex-I Parties of the UNFCCC have quantified emission limitation reduction targets. Developing countries including India have no such obligation to mitigate emissions and accordingly no target is set.
- (f)& (g) As stated in (e) above, India does not have emission reduction target under the Kyoto Protocol. However, CDM projects as mentioned in (b) above, if registered by the CDM Executive Board, have the potential to reduced 615 million metric tonnes of CO2 equivalent by year 2012.