

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ORGANIC WASTE PROCESSING TO DEAL GLOBAL WARMING

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

- (a) whether any guidelines have been fixed for developed and developing nations to deal with the problem of climate change due to global warming;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has constituted any expert committee to study the impact of global warming;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government is promoting the processing of organic waste to deal with the problem of global warming; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a)& (b) The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate change (UNFCCC) and its kyoto Protocol lay down the principles and provisions on the basis of which developed and developing countries have to take actions to address the global problem of climate change. Parties to the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol are obliged to take actions in accordance with the principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibility and respective capability.

(c) & (d) An expert committee was set up in 2007 under the Chairmanship of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India to assess the impacts of climate change on various sectors namely viz. agriculture, methane emissions from livestock, coastal zone, health, water resources, forests and natural ecosystem. The report of the Committee has been made available to the concerned Ministries and agencies for necessary action. The Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change has also been set up to guide and coordinate national response to climate change.

(e) & (f) As part of the National Action Plan on Climate Change, the National Mission on Sustainable Habitat includes activities for management of solid waste including organic waste. A National programme on energy recovery from urban and industrial waste, and biogas is being implemented. Under the Clean Development Mechanism, government has given host country approvals to several bio-mass based projects for reducing emissions and generating carbon credits.