GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS LOK SABHA

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

- (a) whether the per capita carbon emission has been on the rise over the past decade; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ease the effect of increasing carbon emissions and to achieve the environmental targets set out in the Millennium Development Goals?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

- (a) India's per capita carbon-dioxide emissions were 1.5 metric tonnes in 2007 as against 1.3 metric tonnes in 1994.
- (b) Government of India is committed to achieving environmental sustainability, which is one of the Millennium Development Goals. Government is implementing the National Action Plan on Climate Change to support domestic actions for adaptation and mitigation. Government has also announced a domestic mitigation goal of reducing emissions intensity of GDP by 20-25% by 2020 in comparison with 2005 level. The domestic mitigation goal and the objectives of the National Action Plan on Climate Change are part of the sustainable development strategy outlined in the Twelfth Five Year Plan.