GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2148 ANSWERED ON:02.12.2009 MONITORING MECHANISM FOR GLOBAL WARMING Aaron Rashid Shri J.M.

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

(a) whether there is any scientific mechanism to monitor the Green House Gas emission resulting in global warming;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the measures adopted/to be adopted by the Government to launch public awareness programme on global warming?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): There is no scientific mechanism to monitor the Green House Gas (GHG) emission resulting in global warming. However, the GHG emissions are measured and reported in the National Communications (NATCOM) of Parties to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as per the guidelines of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). India has submitted its initial NATCOM to UNFCCC in 2004.

(d): Public awareness on global warming is created through supporting various conferences/seminars and also through the National Environmental Awareness Campaign. This campaign runs through approximately 10,000 organizations including NGOs, Academia and Schools, etc.