

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to create awareness regarding Carbon Footprint and its monetary conversion;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to make this process simple and to create opportunity for Indian industry to generate residual income through more green productions by reducing greenhouse gas emissions;
- (d) if so the details thereof and if not the reasons thereof?

Answer

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

(a)& (b) Government had observed the World Environment Day on June 5, 2013 with the theme 'Think, Eat, Save. Reduce our Footprint'. The campaign calls for minimizing waste of food at all stages of the food chain, from farm to fork. This is to raise awareness about the environmental consequences of our food choices and find ways to reduce our environmental 'foodprint', as food production has profound impact on environmental resources.

(c) & (d) Government encourages the Indian industry to participate in the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) under the Kyoto Protocol and grants host country approvals to eligible projects. CDM provides the opportunity to the industry to generate certified emission reduction (CER) credits from greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects, each equivalent to one tonne of carbon-dioxide. These CERs can be traded and sold, and used by industrialized countries to meet a part of their emission reduction targets under the Kyoto Protocol.