

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the extent to which developing countries of Africa and Asia region have been benefited from the ongoing conferences on climate change;
- (b) whether the Government has appealed to Asian and African countries to reap maximum benefits of talks; and
- (c) if so, the policy likely to be adopted by the Government regarding RIO+20 Conference?

**Answer**

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

(a) During the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate change (UNFCCC) held in Cancun in 2010, decisions were adopted to set up the Green Climate Fund, the Cancun Adaptation Framework and the Technology Mechanism to enable provisions of financial resources and access to technology development and transfer to developing countries. At Durban, steps were taken to operationalise the GCF as an operational entity of the financial mechanism under the Convention. The Fund has the task of mobilizing and providing USD 100 billion per annum by 2020 in order to support mitigation and adaptation actions in developing countries. An interim Secretariat and a Board of the Fund have been set up. A high-level panel has also been constituted to address the issue of long-term finance. The developed countries were called upon in Durban to fulfil their promise to provide fast track finance of USD 30 billion to the developing countries.

Under the Cancun Adaptation Framework, an Adaptation Committee has been set up to promote the implementation of enhanced action on adaptation, in a coherent manner under the Convention. Under the Technology Mechanism a Technology Executive Committee (TEC) and Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) have been set up to facilitate enhanced action on technology development and transfer which will support mitigation and adaptation action in developing countries.

The developing countries, including the developing countries of Africa and Asia region can benefit from the Green Climate Fund, Cancun Adaptation Framework and the Technology Mechanism. The discussions are also going on to set up an institutional mechanism for addressing Loss and Damage.

(b) In the UNFCCC climate change conferences, India coordinates with the Asian and African countries under the G77 and China umbrella, to protect the interest of the developing countries.

(c) Rio+20 Conference was held in June 2012 at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The common position of developing countries, including India, was developed through G 77 & China, which was the basis for negotiations for Rio+20. The outcome document 'The Future We Want' was unanimously adopted at Rio+20 conference by the Heads of States/Governments. Para 190 to 192 have reflected upon Climate Change issue.