

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA**

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CLIMATE CHANGE

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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to constitute a Committee to conduct research and evolve measures to combat ill-effects of climate change;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the terms of reference, tenure and composition of the Committee; and
- (d) the time by which the Committee is likely to submit its recommendations to the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a)-(d) No Madam. A Council on Climate Change has already been set up in 2007 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister, with the focus to evolve a coordinated response to issues related to climate change; provide oversight for formulation of action plans in the area of assessment, adaptation, technology support and mitigation of climate change; and periodically monitor key policy decisions.

The National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) was released by the Prime Minister on 30th June 2008. The NAPCC outlines eight missions in specific areas of Solar Energy, Enhanced Energy Efficiency, Sustainable Habitat, Water, Sustaining the Himalayan Eco-system, Green India, Sustainable Agriculture and Strategic knowledge for Climate Change. Eight National Missions form the core of the National Action Plan, representing multi-pronged, long term and integrated strategies for achieving key developmental and economical goals in a sustainable manner in the context of climate change.

The Government has set up an "Expert Committee on Impacts of Climate Change". The Terms of Reference of the Committee are as under:

- (i) To study the impacts of anthropogenic climate change on India.
- (ii) To identify the measures that we may have to take in the future in relation to addressing vulnerability to anthropogenic climate change impacts.
- (iii) Any other matter relevant to
 - (i) and
 - (ii) above.

The Composition of the Expert Committee is as follows:

1. Dr. R. Chidambaram, Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India - Chairman
2. Dr. R.K. Pachauri, DG, TERI - Member
3. Prof. N.H. Ravindranath, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore- Member
4. Prof. A.K. Gosain, IIT, New Delhi. - Member
5. Dr. Kanchan Chopra, IEG, Delhi- Member
6. Dr Ligia Noronha, TERI- Member
7. Dr. Anand Patwardhan, TIFAC- Member
8. Dr. R. Sukumar, IISc, Bangalore- Member
9. Dr. S. K. Sikka, Scientific Secretary, Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India. - Member
10. Dr. Prodipto Ghosh, C-1/53, Bapa Nagar, N. Delhi

The following have been nominated as ex-officio members:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests.

2. Secretary, Department of Science and Technology.
3. Secretary Ministry of Earth Sciences
4. Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research & Education.
5. Secretary, Council for Scientific & Industrial Research.
6. Principal Adviser, Planning Commission dealing with environment.
7. Director, Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune
8. Head Environment Division, Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI), Pusa, New Delhi
9. Director, Malaria Research Centre, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi.
10. Director, National Institute of Oceanography, Goa.
11. Executive Director, National Institute of Disaster Management, New Delhi
12. Director General, Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education, Dehradun
13. Joint Secretary (Climate Change) – Secretary

The tenure of the Expert Committee is of three years, which could be extended further with the approval of the Competent Authority. The Committee shall be submitting its reports to the Government from time to time.