

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

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CREATION OF GREEN JOBS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recognized the significant potential of an emerging global "green economy";
- (b) if so, whether an effort to tackle climate change could result in the creation of a large number of new "green jobs" in the coming years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the amount earmarked for the purpose?

Answer

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

- (a) The Government is aware of the potential of 'Green jobs' that relate not only to renewable energy, biodiversity preservation, waste management, water conservation and treatment, and carbon management, but also to the change in employment patterns in favour of greener, cleaner and more sustainable employment.
- (b) & (c) Tackling climate change would result in many green jobs particularly in the areas mentioned above including wind and solar power generation. Besides, vast majority of green jobs in India will come from managing natural resources such as water and land as well as waste management.
- (d) & (e) The Government has approved the National Solar Mission as a part of the National Action Plan on Climate Change, which plans to add 20,000 MW by 2022. The fund requirements for the Mission would be met from Budgetary support and International Funds under discussion at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Further 1482 projects under various sectors including Wind, Biomass, and Forestry have been given Host Country Approval for participation in the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) process under the Kyoto Protocol of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The CDM projects facilitate an investment of Rs 2,11,065 crores.