GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE LOK SABHA

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

(a) whether the Government has reconstituted the council on climate change which is likely to make a comprehensive reassessment of domestic climate policy and review the functioning of the eight National Missions on climate change;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action plan drawn up by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure strict implementation of such plan/policy?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) & (b) The Government has reconstituted the Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change (PMCCC) in February, 2015, to evolve a coordinated response to issues relating to climate change at the national level and provide oversight for formulation of action plans in the area of assessment, adaptation and mitigation of climate change. The council is also responsible to monitor periodically key policy decisions. The composition of the reconstituted council is at Annexure-I.

Government has launched the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) in June, 2008, includes eight national mission in specific areas of solar energy, enhanced energy efficiency, habitat, water, sustaining Himalayan ecosystems, forestry, agriculture and strategic knowledge for climate change, to deal with the climate change related issues.

(c) PMCCC at its meeting held in January, 2015, decided that necessary coordination is to be undertaken on monthly basis by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and follow up action is to be taken by the respective Ministries. The progress of all missions is reviewed by the Executive Committee on Climate Change.