

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA**

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COLLABORATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of areas in which Government is having collaboration with other countries in the field of environment, forests and climate change;
- (b) the details of the targets to be achieved from such collaborations; and
- (c) the status and progress in each case?

Answer

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

(a): The government is having collaboration with other countries in the field of environment, forests and climate change through MoUs/Agreements/Joint Statements, etc. The areas of cooperation focus on the mandate of this Ministry and besides others, includes waste management, impact of climate change, air and water quality, biological diversity, afforestation, protection and management of forest and wildlife, conservation of wetlands and rivers as also clean development mechanism.

(b)&(c): Though no specific targets are usually fixed under such MoUs/Agreements/ Joint Statements, the agreements provide an opportunity for formation of Joint Working Groups, sharing of scientific and technological information, exposure to technology and best practices, organization of workshops and implementation of agreed projects. The collaboration also acts as a platform for sharing of views and firming up position for various multi-lateral dialogues.