

Title: Need to take steps to save the Sundarbans in West Bengal from Climate change due to Green House emissions, as reported in new United Nation's Report.

SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL (JOYNAGAR): I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards a new United Nation's Report on climate change predicting tougher times ahead for India with the earth is expected to become much more warmer because of rise in the green house emissions.

In the Fourth Assessment Report of the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) the predictions have been made about higher sea level rise on the eastern coast, more rainfall in the post monsoon period, effecting crop patterns and the drought zone widening, etc. Further, the global report prepared by 500 lead authors and scientists also mentioned that India will emerge as one of the major carbon dioxide contributions to global green house emissions if the remedial steps are not taken fast. In this regard, Indian scientists have also reported and recorded submersion of the world's first habituated island in Sundarbans and many more islands heading for a similar fate if the sea level rises at the present rate. Even Indian scientists predicted for more impact of submersion of low lying areas.

Sundarbans is the largest delta of the planet consisting large mangrove forests, world famous Royal Bengal Tigers, National Park housing a wide range of wild animals, attracting thousands of tourists from all over the world. Sunderbans inhabiting a population of around 45 lakhs which will be manifold in the coming decades. However, such predictions about submersion of Sundarbans would be seriously viewed and considered by the Government so as to take faster remedial steps. I, therefore, urge upon the Government to necessary steps to save Sunderbans.