Title: Regarding UN Inter Government Report on Climate Change and Global Warming.

SHRI SANDEEP DIKSHIT: Sir, through you I would like to draw the attention of the Government to an important matter. About 20 days ago the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change of United Nations brought out its report on climate change. Global warming and climate change are something that we have been talking of for almost 10 to 15 years. For the first time, an authentic report has come that has internationally accepted that global warming has now become a part, a reality. In the last 30-40 years the average temperatures across the world have risen by 0.75 degrees Celsius and we are estimating that in the next 10 to 15 years they will go up even further. I am really unfortunate that the Opposition is not here. It is an issue of concern for each one of us.

The report authentically claims that in the next 15 to 20 years – it is not a distant future – the glaciers across the world, specially in the Himalayan region from where some of our most sacred rivers flow, including the Ganges, the Yamuna and the Brahmaputra, are going to recede to an extent that the Ganges and the Yamuna may die as rivers by the year 2030. This is a reality. This is no longer in the realm of fantasy. This is a change.

It is also being considered that tropical countries like ours, poor countries and third-world countries are going to suffer maximum. There is going to be massive crop damage. There is going to be massive damage to drinking water. Most of our areas will turn into desert.

MR. SPEAKER: I hope some notice will come so that I allow a discussion. I thank you for raising it.

SHRI SANDEEP DIKSHIT: Sir, I would request you that some discussion also may be allowed and I urge the Government to take steps on it. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Madhusudan Mistry to speak now. Do not refer to any State issue.