

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

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FUNDS TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE

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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Global Environment Agency has sanctioned millions of dollars to India to tackle climate change;
- (b) If so, the details of such funds;
- (c) the manner in which these funds have been / are likely to be utilized; and
- (d) the extent of success achieved from such expenditure, as on date?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) Between 1991 and June 2006, India has received USD 129.46 million of Global Environment Facility (GEF) grant under climate change focal area. Further, under GEF 4, Resource Allocation Framework (RAF), India has received an indicative allocation of USD 74.9 million for climate change projects for the period July 2006 to June 2010. As on date projects of USD 4.927 million have been approved.

(c) & (d) The utilization of these funds depends upon the kind of projects, which the country is able to pose and get approved as well as the successful implementation of these projects. The projects approved between 1991 – June 2006 are either completed/ under implementation, whereas the projects already approved under GEF 4 are yet to begin implementation. Further, as per the GEF operational procedures, a country could utilize up to 50 % of its indicative allocation in the next two years (i.e. up to June 2008). Thereafter, in end of December 2008, the country's performance will be analyzed by the GEF's Independent Office of Monitoring and Evaluation, wherein the country's allocation could increase or decrease.