

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

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GLOBAL WARMING

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

- (a) whether India is a victim of the problem of global warming caused by green-house gases omitted by industrialized countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India has raised this issue before G-8 Summit held recently;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (e) whether G-8 countries have also asked India to reduce the green-house gas emission; and
- (f) if so, the reaction of India thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Concentrations of Greenhouse gases (GHGs) have increased in the atmosphere since the advent of industrialization, primarily due to emissions by developed countries, resulting in global warming. Changes in average surface air temperature and sea level rise along the Indian coast line have been observed. However the occurrence of extreme weather events such as heavy rains, cyclones can be a part of climate variability and it cannot be exclusively attributed to global warming. Studies on impacts of Climate Change on India indicate adverse impacts of Climate Change in key sectors.

(c) Hon'ble Prime Minister in his intervention at the G-8 + O-5 meeting at Heiligendamm stated that India's GHG emissions are among the lowest in per capita terms, being only around 4% of the world's emissions. He added that we must work together for finding pragmatic, practical solutions which are for the benefit of entire mankind. The process of burden sharing must be fair. It should take into account where the primary responsibility for the present levels of GHG concentration rests and not perpetuate poverty amongst the developing countries.

(d) & (e) The field of Climate Change was covered inter-alia in the joint statement by the German G-8 Presidency and the Heads of State and/or Government of Brazil, China, India, Mexico and South Africa on the occasion of the G-8 summit in Heiligendamm, Germany on 8 June 2007. Noting the purposeful discussions between the G-8 and five developing countries, their commitment to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was reaffirmed and all Parties were called on to actively and constructively participate in the negotiations in Indonesia in December 2007.

(f) Does not arise