

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROMOTION OF CARBON CREDIT PROJECT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether certain measures are taken/proposed to be taken to promote carbon credit project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reason therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b). The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), 1992 and its Kyoto Protocol, 1997 addresses the issues related to abatement of greenhouse gas emissions and climate change. India is a party to both these agreements. Kyoto Protocol sets legally binding targets for greenhouse gases (GHG) emission reduction by individual Annex-I countries during the 'first commitment period', 2008-2012, totaling 5.2% below their aggregate 1990 emissions. This quantified emission limitations and reduction commitments for the developed countries can be achieved through its flexible market mechanisms. Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) is the mechanism wherein developing countries can join global hands to achieve the ultimate goal of the convention for GHG reduction. Under CDM, developed countries that are parties to the Kyoto Protocol can go in for emission reduction projects in developing countries and avail Carbon Credits from these projects. In this way, CDM has provided significant economic opportunities to developing countries by way of investment in the projects that generate tradable carbon credits. Accordingly, Government of India established National CDM Authority (NCDMA) in December 2003 with its office in Ministry of Environment and Forest. NCDMA generally meets once in a month and examines the CDM project proposals submitted to NCDMA from emissions additionality and sustainable development point of view. NCDMA had accorded Host Country Approval to 295 projects till April 2006. With the approval of these projects by Year 2012, India is expected to generate carbon revenues of US\$ 2.4 billion. A series of workshops and seminars have been organized to create awareness and dissemination of information relating to CDM so that Indian Industry including the public sector can avail of the full potential benefits of carbon credit projects.

- (c) Does not arise