

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA**

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CLIMATE CHANGE IN INDIA

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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted an Expert Group to study the climate change;

(b) if so, the details terms of reference and composition thereof; and

(c) the time by which its report is likely to be submitted?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

a) Yes Sir. The Ministry of Environment and Forests has constituted an Expert Committee on Climate Change Impacts, which is headed by the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government.

b) Detailed Terms of Reference and composition are given below

To study the impacts of anthropogenic climate change on India,

To identify the measures that we may have to take in the future in relation to addressing likely vulnerability to anthropogenic climate change impacts,

Any other mater relevant to (a) and (b) above Composition of the Expert Committee is at Annex.-I

c) As per the order, constituting the Expert Group, the tenure of the Expert Committee would be of three years, which could be extended further with approval of the Competent Authority. The Expert Committee would submit an interim / provisional report to the Ministry annually.

Annex.-I

Composition of the `Expert Committee on Impact of Climate Change`

Composition of the Expert Committee is as follows:

- 1) Dr. R. Chidambaram, Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India -Chairman
- 2) Dr. R.K. Pachauri, DG, TERI
- 3) Prof. N.H. Ravindranath, NSc, Bangalore
- 4) Prof. A.K. Gosain. IIT, New Delhi
- 5) Dr. Kanchan Chopra, IEG, Delhi
- 6) Dr. Ligia Noronha, TERI
- 7) Dr. Anand Patwardhan, TIFAC
- 8) Dr. R. Sukumar, HSc, Bangalore
- 9) Dr. S.K.Sikka Scientific Secretary, Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India.

The following have been nominated as ex-officio members:

- 1) Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests,
- 2) Secretary, Department of Science & Technology,
- 3) Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences,
- 4) Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research & Education.
- 5) Secretary, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research,
- 6) Principal Adviser, Planning Commission dealing with environment,
- 7) Director, IITM, Pune,
- 8) Head, Environment Division, Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI) , Pusa, New Delhi,
- 9) Director, Malaria Research Centre, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi,
- 10) Director, National Institute of Oceanography, Goa,

- 11) Executive Director, National Institute of Disaster Management, New Delhi,
- 12) Director General, Indian Council for Forestry Research & Education, Dehradun and
- 13) Joint Secretary (Climate Change) - Secretary