

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA**

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GLOBAL WARMING EMISSION FROM LARGE DAMS
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that 19% of India`s global warming emission is from large dams;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have taken any steps to reduce the level of methane generation and emission and its likelihood impact on the environment;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

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

(a) - (d) Sir, The Government is aware of a recent study by a group of Brazilian scientists which found that large dams world over could be significant sources of greenhouse gas emissions. This study has however, made no emission measurements at any Indian dam sites. Steps to reduce these reported emissions can be taken up only after making measurements of greenhouse gases at dam sites.