

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 21.12.2009
ANSWERED ON
COMMITMENT AT COPENHAGEN SUMMIT ON CLIMATE CHANGE .

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Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar

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

(a) whether Government has given any specific commitment at the Copenhagen Summit on climate change to reduce the quantum of greenhouse gases within a time frame;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has taken into consideration that the commitment in this regard does not hamper the development needs?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO STARRED PARLIAMENT QUESTION NO. 459 RAISED BY SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR, MP, DUE FOR ANSWER ON 21.12.2009 IN RAJYA SABHA

The Government has conveyed to the Parliament that India can have a 20-25 % reduction in emissions intensity between 2005 & 2020. This will be a voluntary domestic commitment and will not form part of any international agreement committing to binding emission intensity or emission reduction targets. The exercise in Planning Commission has found that the emission intensity has declined by 17.06 % between 1990 and 2005. Further the Planning Commission has concluded that we can have a 20-25 % reduction in emissions intensity between 2005 & 2020. The government is fully committed to Sustainable Development in the Country.