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ANSWERED ON
COLLECTIVE POSITION ON CLIMATE CHANGE .

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

- (a) whether India had delinked from G-77 collective position regarding climate change;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether India had reached any consensus with any other countries for collective functioning in Copenhagen Summit?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) India is an active participant in the G-77 & China and our approach has been rooted in the group position. However, depending on national circumstances, constituent blocks within the group viz. Africa, Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) have divergent opinion on few specific issues.

(c) The BASIC countries which include India, Brazil, South Africa & China often coordinate their position on various issues of Climate Change during international negotiations, including at Copenhagen.