

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON

REDUCING EMISSIONS FROM DEFORESTATION AND FOREST DEGRADATION ..

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

- (a) whether Government endorses the concept of REDD-Plus to seek International assistance to conserve forest resources for carbon sequestration and climate change mitigation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the potential of the country's forests to sequester additional carbon through forest conservation and sustainable forest management (SFM) by 2030 or 2050; and
- (d) the details of the progress made by the country in seeking buy-back cooperation of Annexure I countries of UNFCCC in respect of any additional forest carbon sequestered through forest conservation and SFM?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- (a)& (b) The government has endorsed the concept of REDD+. Incentives so received under this mechanism would be in general passed on to local communities involved in the protection and management of forests. This will ensure sustained protection of our forests against deforestation.
- (c) It is estimated that a REDD+ programme for India could provide capture of more than 1 billion tonnes of additional CO₂ over the next 3 decades and provide more than USD 3 billion as carbon service incentives under REDD+.
- (d) India is playing a positive role in the REDD+ negotiations at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and has been insisting on following a comprehensive and holistic approach in realising the full potential of mitigation in forestry sector. The modalities and procedures of the REDD+ are yet to be finalised.