

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2018

Withdrawal of USA from Paris Agreement

3407.SHRI ANIL DESAI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the decision of United States of America (USA) to withdraw from the Paris Agreement on climate change had an impact on developing nations like India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Ministry for enlisting support of other developing nations to make the US abide by the Paris Agreement; and
- (d) if so, details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) to (d) United States of America (USA) is the second largest Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emitter presently. However, if cumulative historical emission is considered, USA would be largest GHG emitter with a 21% share in cumulative global CO₂ emission between 1850 and 2011. So, its withdrawal may affect goal of restricting cumulative global GHG emissions. It may also affect the availability of international funds for climate change, as USA was a contributor to climate finance.

India is engaging constructively and positively with other developing countries under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) process. Paris Agreement has been ratified by 175 Parties and only USA has submitted its intent to withdraw from it. All other countries have indicated their continued support for it through the decision, 'Fiji Momentum for Implementation' adopted during 23rd Conference of Parties (COP-23) held in November 2017, which underscored the importance of keeping the momentum and continuing to uphold the spirit and vision of the Paris Agreement.
