

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 706
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2018

Adoption of environment protection measures

706. SHRI PRABHAT JHA

- (a) Whether specific policy measures adopted by India with regard to environment protection during the last four and a half years have been appreciated at international level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Champions of the Earth award has been given for policy leadership capacity in the area of protection of environment during the last four and a half years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (d) Yes, sir. International Solar Alliance (ISA), an alliance of 121 solar resource rich countries lying fully or partially between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn was jointly launched by the Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi, and the then President of France, Mr. François Hollande, on November 30, 2015 in Paris, France. This has been launched on the sidelines of the 21st Conference of Parties (CoP 21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The broad goal is to bring clean, affordable, and renewable energy within the reach of all and undertake innovative and concerted efforts for reducing the cost of finance and cost of technology for immediate deployment of competitive solar generation in the member countries of the ISA.

Further, India hosted World Environment Day 2018 celebrations on 5th July 2018. The theme of World Environment Day 2018 was “Beat Plastic Pollution”. These efforts, among many others, reaffirming the commitment to protection of human health and environment have been appreciated at the international level

In this regard the Hon’ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, received the ‘United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Champions of the Earth’ award at a special ceremony in Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra, New Delhi on 3rd October, 2018 from the UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres.
