

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 192
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2018

Mobilization of Resources for Climate Change

192. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has discussed with French Government issues relating to mobilization of resources for protection of environment from pollution and mitigating effects of climate change;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of agreement signed between the two countries for the purpose;
- (c) whether 122 countries have formed a common alliance on the issue of climate change and its interim headquarters has been set up in India and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the dangers of global warming were highlighted during the inauguration of the headquarters at Gurugram, Haryana; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the efforts made so far in reducing the impact of global warming in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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(a) & (b) Discussion with Government of France have been held on climate change issues but no agreement relating to mobilization of resources for climate change has been signed between the two countries.

(c) The International Solar Alliance (ISA) was jointly launched by the Prime Minister of India and the President of France on 30 November 2015 in Paris, France on the sidelines of COP-21, the UN Climate Conference. ISA has become a full-fledged treaty based International intergovernmental organization. As on date, 48 countries have signed and 19 countries have ratified the Framework Agreement of ISA. It's Permanent Secretariat is located in the National Institute of Solar Energy campus, Gurugram, Haryana, India. ISA works shall supplement India's efforts on Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) targets and contribute to the fight against climate change. It will also assist the participating countries in the fight against climate change.

(d) & (e) The Government has taken up the fight against climate change by launching the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) in June 2008. NAPCC comprises eight missions in specific areas of Solar Energy, Enhanced Energy Efficiency, Sustainable Habitat,

Water, Sustaining Himalayan Ecosystems, Green India, Sustainable Agriculture and Strategic Knowledge for Climate Change. Thirty-two (32) States and Union Territories (UTs) have also prepared State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC) consistent with the objectives of NAPCC, highlighting State specific issues relating to Global Warming. Government of India has also embarked upon ambitious actions in the areas of renewable energy, afforestation, energy efficiency, planned urban development. Some of the programmes that address issues related to mitigation and adaptation to climate change include National Smart Grid Mission to bring efficiency in power supply network and reduction in losses and outages, Unnat Jyoti by Affordable Lighting for All (UJALA) for distribution of LED lights, super-efficient fans, etc to improve energy efficiency, Smart Cities Mission and Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) for transformation and rejuvenation of urban areas, National Adaptation Fund to support adaptation measures in States and UTs, and promotion of fuel efficiency and electric vehicles, and plan to leapfrog from Bharat IV to Bharat VI standards etc.
