

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3006
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2023

New Environmental Policy

3006. DR. M.P. ABDUSSAMAD SAMADANI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to draft a new environmental policy in the near future taking into consideration the deficiencies of the present policy; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) and (b): The omnibus National Environment Policy was released by the Government in 2006 as a response to the national commitment to a clean environment, mandated in Articles 48A and 51A(g), strengthened by judicial interpretation of Article 21 of the Constitution of India. The National Environment Policy intended to be a guide to action; in regulatory reform, programmes and projects for environmental conservation; and review and enactment of legislation, by agencies of the Central, State and Local Governments.

The Ministry has issued sectoral policy statements on areas of Environment Impact Assessment, Hazardous Substance Management, Climate Change, Biodiversity, Coastal Regulatory Zone etc. in response to emerging challenges, from time to time. The Government has framed Rules, Regulations and issued Directions while addressing the sustainable development concerns to create harmony between economic, social and environmental needs of the country. Based on the dynamics of the environment sector and global and domestic regulatory and jurisprudence issues, the policies made by the Government for the environment sector are judiciously formulated, periodically reviewed, suitably revised and updated, from time to time following a process of wide consultations and taking into account global best practices and duly notified, as and when the need arises. At present, there is no proposal to draft a new environmental policy.
