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

(a) whether the Government has launched a new Leadership Group with other countries and corporate companies to transition Industries towards energy-intensive sectors and decarbonized economies;

(b) if so, the aims, objectives and the roadmap ahead of this group; and

(c) the names of the countries and the companies that are a part of this group?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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(a) and (b) In the recently held Climate Action Summit convened by Secretary-General of United Nations on 23rd September 2019, India and Sweden launched the Leadership Group for Industry Transition. The objective of Leadership Group is to work towards accelerating voluntary transition of all industry sectors to low carbon pathways in line with the goals of Paris Agreement. The industries are encouraged to plan their own pathway. By supporting governments and industries in low-carbon industry transformation, as well as establishing an arena for innovation-sharing and public-private collaboration, the Leadership Group will provide conditions for successful implementation of Paris Agreement while acknowledging the principles and provisions of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement including equity and Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities (CBDR-RC).

(c) Countries including Argentina, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, South Korea and the UK have joined the group so far. Companies including Dalmia Cement, Mahindra Group, DSM, SpiceJet, Heathrow Airport, Luossavaara-Kiirunavaara Aktiebolag (LKAB), Royal Schiphol Group, Scania, SSAB, ThyssenKrupp and Vattenfall have also joined.

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