

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

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Environmental reforms regarding emission cut

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether any norms have been laid down for environmental reforms regarding emission cut in the country; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government has received reports of violation of such norms; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to strengthen the environmental norms?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (DR. M.VEERAPPA MOILY)

(a)to (c): India being a Non-Annex I country party to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) does not have any legally binding commitment or target to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions. Therefore, norms for greenhouse gas emission cut have not been laid down in India.

India has voluntarily pledged in the UNFCCC that it will endeavour to reduce the emissions intensity of its GDP by 20-25% by 2020 in comparison to 2005 level. We are taking several domestic initiatives to address climate change and to chart out a low carbon growth strategy for inclusive growth. The National Action Plan on Climate Change has eight National Missions including inter alia the National Solar Mission, National Mission for Enhanced Energy Efficiency and National Mission on Sustainable Habitat which envisage containing the greenhouse gas emissions in the country.