

Further, it was decided that developed countries should announce their targets latest by 15th Meeting of Parties of the Kyoto Protocol (December, 2009) so that there is no gap between the commitment periods. Developing countries have no obligations of reducing emissions.

Killing of elephants by Nepal Police

1105. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Nepal Police has been firing at elephants in Indian territory near border of West Bengal and Nepal;
- (b) if so, the number of elephants killed and injured during the last three years;
- (c) the steps taken to ensure that elephants do not reach within firing range of Nepal Police;
- (d) whether the matter has been taken up with the Nepal Government; and
- (e) if so, the response of Nepal Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The Government of West Bengal has reported occasional firing/attacks on wild elephants near border of West Bengal and Nepal by Nepal police and villagers.

(b) As per information furnished by the State, four elephants have been killed and fourteen injured because of firing/attacks in Nepal territory in last three years.

(c) to (e) Although the State Forest Department is taking actions to contain them in Indian territory, the same is difficult since the adjoining forests of the Nepal constitute natural migratory route for the wild elephant of the West Bengal. However, Government of India has taken up the matter with the Government of Nepal to prevent such attacks. The Government of Nepal has responded positively.

Illegal mining in Orissa

1106. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state whether illegal mining in Orissa is being done without forest and environment clearance specially in Barbil, Keonjhar and Sakinda area and many State Government Officers are also involved in this illegal mining; and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): The information is being collected from the State Government of Orissa and will be laid on the table of the House after compilation of the same.

Climate forecasting system

1107. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: