

Impact of global warming

1084. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

SHRI GOVINDRAO WAMANRAO ADIK:

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the findings of the scientists at Columbia University and NASA's space flight center that potency of methane gas emitted by different industries and its impact on global warming, had been largely under estimated while signing the Kyoto Protocol; and

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to take up any modification of the Kyoto Protocol to precisely the adverse effect of the industrialized nation thereto and to refix their responsibility towards global warming; if so, the steps taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The Government is aware of the recent NASA study which states that climate scientists have under estimated the extent of warming caused by methane.

(b) The discussion on common metrics to calculate the carbon dioxide equivalence of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removal by sinks is underway in the *Ad hoc* working group on Kyoto Protocol. The Parties have requested the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advise to assess, based *inter alia* on the work of, the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change, the implications of the choice of metrics used to calculate the carbon dioxide equivalence of anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of the greenhouse gases listed in Annex A to the Kyoto Protocol for the third or subsequent commitment periods. Parties are also engaged in negotiations to reach an agreed outcome at the fifteenth Conference of Parties in Copenhagen in December, 2009.

Green bonus to Himalayan States

1085. SHRI N.K. SINGH:

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN:

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

(a) whether Government has decided to provide 'green bonus' to Himalayan States for conserving forests;

(b) if so, the States to which 'green bonus' would be given and whether Government has formulated plans to conserve forests in view of increase in green house gas emissions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) The Government has not developed a scheme to provide