

of talks in the twin tracks is aimed at ensuring that these targets for Parties to Kyoto Protocol are inscribed under Kyoto Protocol while the aggregate emissions reduction target for industrialized countries and the Parties that are not Parties to Kyoto Protocol are determined through an appropriate decision of the Parties under the Bali Action Plan.

Central zone project in Tamil Nadu

2471. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is proposed to set up Coastal Zone Project; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the locations thereof in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Under the World Bank assisted Integrated Coastal Zone Management project, a National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Zone Management within Anna University, Chennai, Tamil Nadu would be set up to carry out hazard mapping of the coastal areas of the country, including coastal areas of Tamil Nadu.

Pollution in Bhopal around tragedy site

2472. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has discovered high levels of chemicals in underground water and soil, around the Bhopal Gas tragedy site; and
- (b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to eliminate this contamination, leading to increased pollution and risk to the lives of people living in the area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has carried out a study to assess the status of ground water quality and soil characteristics around Bhopal gas accident site in the surroundings of Union Carbide of India Ltd. (UCIL), Bhopal. The CPCB study confirms presence of heavy metals, pesticides and some of the volatile organic compounds in the soil