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| Pondicherry | — | — | — | — | — |
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| Rajasthan | 06 | — | — | — | — |
| Sikkim | — | — | — | — | — |
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Meeting of MEF in Washington

2191. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting of Major Economies Forum (MEF) was held recently in Washington, United States of America (USA) to discuss the present climate treaty; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the decisions arrived at?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) and (b) A Major Economies Forum (MEF) Meeting was held in Washington, D.C. on November 17-18, 2011, to discuss about various issues on climate change which are to be negotiated against the backdrop of the 17th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 17) and the 7th session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP-7), held during November 28 to December 9, 2011 in Durban, South Africa.

The meeting was in the nature of exchange of views among the world's major economies. No decision was taken at this meeting. However, it was emphasized for a balanced package of decisions in Durban including key areas like operational aspects of the Cancun Agreements, second period commitments under the Kyoto Protocol, operation of the Green Climate Fund, Long-term finance and guidelines for Monitoring, Reporting and Verification.

Conservation of Great Indian Bustard

2192. SHRI V.P. SINGH BADNORE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number of Great Indian Bustard (GIB) in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Great Indian Bustard is on the verge of extinction in the country;
- (c) if so, the details of programme being taken up for its survival, and increasing its population;
- (d) whether any fund has been given to Desert National Park, (Rajasthan) for this species existence and survival; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) As per the information available in the Ministry, the total population of Great Indian Bustard in the country is estimated to be 296. The State-wise details of estimated number of Great Indian Bustard in the country are as follows:—

| Sl. No. | Name of State | Estimated Population (no. of individuals) |
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| 1 | Rajasthan | 175 |
| 2 | Gujarat | 30 |
| 3 | Madhya Pradesh | 10 |
| 4 | Maharashtra | 46 |
| 5 | Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka | 35 |

(b) and (c) According to the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species for birds, the Great Indian Bustard is on the brink of extinction and is now listed as 'Critically Endangered' species. The population of Great Indian Bustard has drastically reduced in the past few years due to several factors such as habitat loss and degradation, and illegal hunting.