

Allotment of forest land for development of Sabarimala

2960. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received proposals for allotting more forest land for the development of Sabarimala, one of the largest pilgrimage center in South India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has not received any proposal for allotting more forest land for development of Sabarimala under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Pledge on emission cut

2961. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pledge of developing nations in respect of emission cut is bigger than that of the West;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) India's stand and role in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) and (b) The results of a recent study on comparison of developed and developing country pledges under the Cancun Agreements conducted by Stockholm Environment Institute indicate that developing country pledges amount to more mitigation on an absolute basis, than developed country pledges.

(c) During the climate change talks held under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, India has consistently called upon the developed country parties to raise their ambition to a level that is consistent with science. India has insisted that equity and Common But Differentiated Responsibilities (CBDR) should remain the basis of new arrangements that aim to enhance actions of all parties under the Convention. These arrangements will be finalized in 2015 with a view to implement the arrangements from 2020.

Ban on import of Chinese crackers

2962. PROF. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: