

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No.4027
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.04.2022

Glasgow Declaration on Climate Change

4027. SMT. PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has refused to endorse the recent Glasgow Declaration on Climate Change which aims to halt and reverse deforestation and land degradation by 2030;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has finalised changes to the existing Forest Conservation Act, 1980;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether changes in the existing law will allow more window for deforestation to accommodate key infrastructure projects?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a)&(b) India has not endorsed the Glasgow Leaders Declaration on Forests and Land Use, due to reference to trade as an area in the Declaration.
- (c)to(e) In order to strengthen the efforts of forest conservation and to make the implementation of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 more effective, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change had sought comments of all State Governments, Union Territory Administrations and other stakeholders by circulating a Public Consultation Paper, in Hindi, English and vernacular languages which was placed in public domain for one month. The Ministry has also written to the Chief Ministers of the State Governments, Administrators/Lt. Governors of the Union Territories and Chief Secretaries of the States and UTs requesting to send comments of their respective Governments /Administrations. More than 5600 comments have been received in the Ministry from various stakeholders, including those in vernacular languages.
