

Stakeholder consultation

Public Hearing

Right to Information Act

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Paryavaran Mitra is voluntary organization working in the field of environment and pollution issues using environmental laws as advocacy tool. Major area of work is advocacy and intervention in policy, training and publications, use of Right to Information Act in environmental issues and media advocacy.

Paryavaran Mitra and CDM

- First CDM project of India – Gujarat Fluro Chemicals Ltd on 8 March 2005
- History of GFCL pollution and role of Paryavaran Mitra during 1995-1997
- Gas leakage incident from GFCL on 29 November 2005
- Why Paryavaran Mitra is interested in GFCL and other CDM projects

- EIA Notification 1994 and 2006
- Environmental Public Hearing (EPH) in 1997 and role of Paryavaran Mitra
- Gujarat High Court case of EPH by Paryavaran Mitra – SCA 8529/1999
- CDM stakeholder consultation process and EPH process
- Amendments needed in stakeholder consultation process

- Right to Information Act 2005
 - Use of RTI Act in environmental issues and CDM projects
 - Issues raised under RTI Act and vague answers by government
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- 17/12/2005 - Ministry of Env & Forest
 - 04/04/2006 - Dept of Env & Forest, Gujarat
 - 25/04/2006 - Dept of Env & Forest, Gujarat
 - 22/10/2007 - Ministry of Env & Forest
 - 21/06/2008 - Ministry of Env & Forest
 - 07/03/2009 - Ministry of Env & Forest

11th Five year plan (2007-2012)

- **Chapter-9 : Environment and Climate change**
- **sustainable inclusive growth strategy**
- **The first National Environment Policy - May 2006**
- Re-engineering of the environmental clearance process and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification & review of the Coastal Regulation Zone (CMZ) Notification were undertaken to improve the quality of environmental governance.
- The target of 33% forest and tree cover reflects the tree component without accounting for other vibrant non-tree natural biomes like grasslands.

India's Development Goals

- **Estimated foreign revenue for India from CDM projects is 10 million to 330 million USD per year**

“ Reducing the poverty ratio by 5 % points by 2007 and by 15 % points by 2012, CDM will help in achieving this goal”

Surya Sethi, Planning commission
(May 2006 at Climate Change Dialogue, India Country Presentation)

Major issues

- Transparent process
- Post project monitoring by government
- Authenticity of DOEs
- Pollution and sustainable development issues
- CDM revenue share for community and government