

DEFINITELY INDIA'S POSITION IS WEAK IN THE COPENHAGEN CLIMATE SUMMIT.

It has now become a visible fact that the entire globe is facing severe crisis due to rapidly changing climatic conditions. It is also a fact that this is a man made danger and an end product of cut-throat capitalism. Government of India now like developed country following a policy of aggregate national income (GNP) ignoring how a capitalist model of development destroying basic resources. But the Industrially Developed Countries particularly the USA and European Union are not ready to learn lessons from these catastrophic developments rather they are accusing the developing countries and pressing them to announce unilateral policy initiatives to check the pollution. There were many meetings and summits were held to discuss and find solutions of this issue. But no tangible result has emerged from these summits. The leading industrialised countries have committed earlier that they will take sufficient measures to ensure emission cuts by 40-50 percent from 1990 levels. But now they are offering only 20 percent. That too is not by controlling the polluting industrial units, power generating systems and plastic and pharmaceutical wastes but simply offering planting trees.

The government of India unilaterally announced an emission cut by 25 percent by 2012. This prejudiced announcement of India will definitely weak India's position in the Copenhagen Climate Summit. It is a matter to be verified that any external pressure forced India to make such announcement before the summit begins. As farmers are the direct victims of the climate change, a country like India based on agriculture should not succumb to the pressure of Industrialised countries in this matter. It is not a matter related to agriculture alone but it is a grave matter of food security also. Therefore India should take a principled, independent and practical stand on this global crisis with due consultation with political parties, environmental activists and climate experts.