

PROJECT COVER SHEET

COUNTRY: India

PROJECT TITLE: Institutional strengthening for India under the
Interim Multilateral Fund for the Implementation
of the Montreal Protocol

SECTOR COVERED: Cross-Sectoral

ODP CONSUMPTION IN
SECTOR AFFECTED: Not applicable

PROJECT IMPACT: Enhancement of implementation of the Government's action plans

TOTAL BUDGET: US \$430,000

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: UNDP

CO-ORDINATING NATIONAL AGENCY: Ministry of Environment and Forests

Project Summary

India's consumption of ozone depleting substances (ODSs) in 1990 was 7481 metric tonnes ODP.

The existing divisions of the Ministry of Environment and Forests have distinct delegation of responsibilities and have a heavy work load. Therefore, the available scientific and administrative staff of the Ministry would not be able to undertake the kind of detailed and extensive work that may be required for the implementation of Montreal Protocol activities and projects in India. Hence, establishment of an institutional mechanism dedicated to the implementation of the Montreal Protocol activities is considered a prerequisite for successful phase out of ODSs in India. Therefore, it is envisaged to establish a temporary nodal unit within the Ministry to assist its International Co-operation Division in the implementation of the Montreal Protocol.

Project Description

The Ministry of Environment and Forests is the nodal Ministry and focal point for all matters pertaining to environment, forests and wildlife in India. A temporary nodal unit consisting

of three professional and four supporting staff will be created to work under the International Co-operation (IC) Division exclusively on issues relating to the implementation of the Montreal Protocol. The unit will report to the IC Division which will in turn report to the competent authority (the Secretary for Environment and Forests).

Activities

The following activities will be carried out by the unit:

- (a) disseminate information to the public;
- (b) create awareness among relevant sectors and users of ODSs;
- (c) exchange information with other Parties;
- (d) collect and process information on the consumption of ODSs in the country;
- (e) promote phase out actions identified in the Country Programme;
- (f) monitor and evaluate progress of implementation of the ODS phase out actions;
- (g) facilitate co-ordination of activities in the country of the ODS phase out;
- (h) facilitate action on ozone related issues by policy makers, and
- (i) provide liaison between the government and responsible international organizations (Fund Secretariat, implementing agency, etc.).