

# Legislators' actions in South Asia on climate change adaptation:

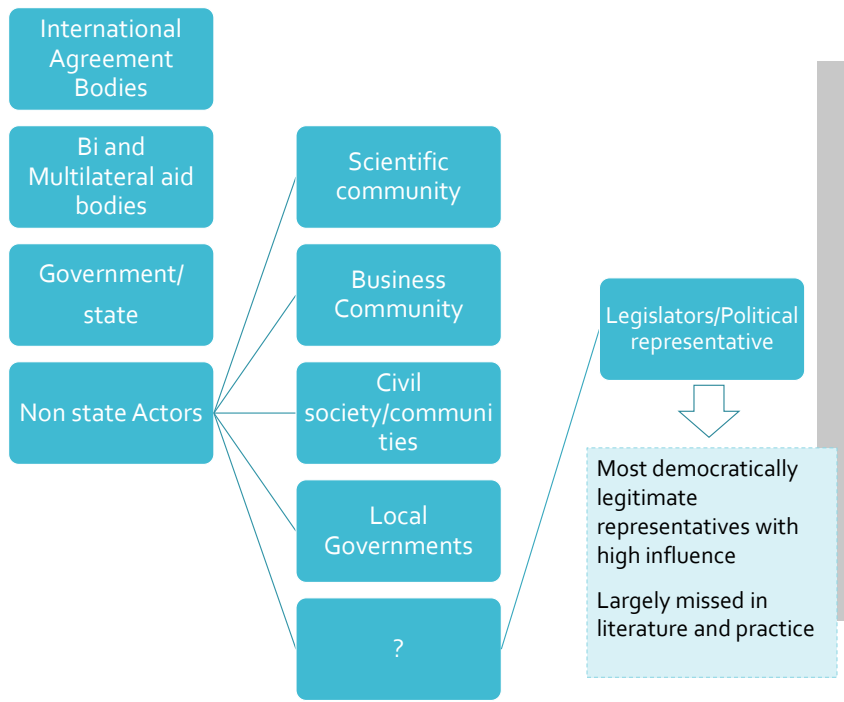
Need, Experiences and Scope

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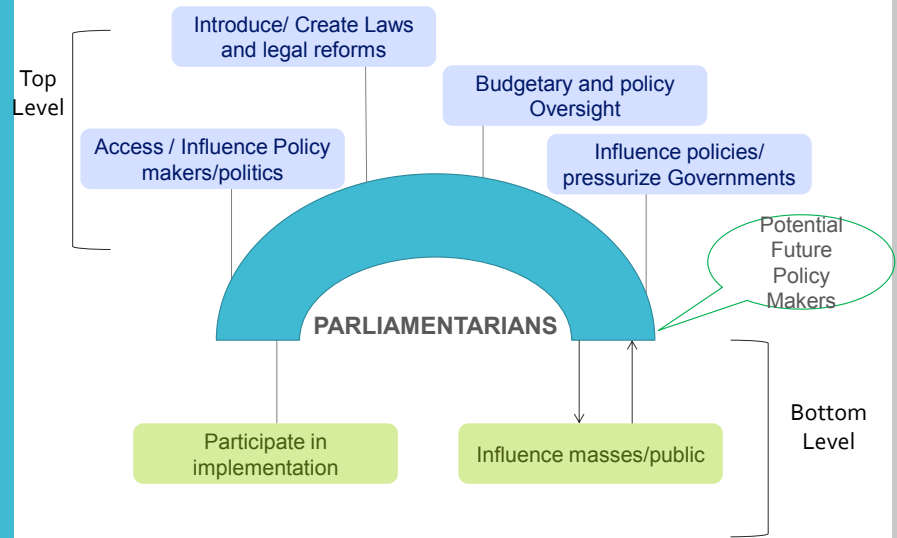
- Explaining the segment/constituency
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- Role of Legislators in Implementing Adaptation

# Explaining the Segment/Constituency

**Introduction**  
Key Actor Groups in Adaptation



## Why Legislators?



## Adaptation and legislators?

- Representing affected Communities
- Influence political consensus and agenda on Adaptation
- Push Government for Urgent Action on Adaptation
- Influence public awareness and understanding
- Oversight on financial and budgetary actions by Government
- Take part in monitoring and evaluation reporting process
- Undertake adaptation projects under Constituency Development Fund
- Mobilise media and communication channels
- Take leadership role in decision making when in power

"Climate change adaptation is a platform from which to address a range of political objectives" - [Austin Zeiderman, 2016, Adaptive Publics: Building Climate Constituencies in Bogotá](#) (You could also link it your current research)

## Experiences with Indian Legislators

### Clean Energy and Adaptation

- Clean Energy technologies are a critical tool for both mitigation and adaptation – recognised for economic co-benefits
- The “decentralised” and “distributed” property of renewable energy technologies (RETs) is of special significance
- In the fact with rising disasters, centralised infrastructure are continuously threatened – further investments jeopardised
- Decentralised RETs can provide immediate relief to issues like lighting, water supply, cooking, communication, etc. – therefore effective back up systems
- For remote communities, decentralised RETs can be the main source of energy supply where grid cannot reach and thus empowering them to adapt quicker
- Can also lead to alternative occupation/enterprises that are more climate resilient

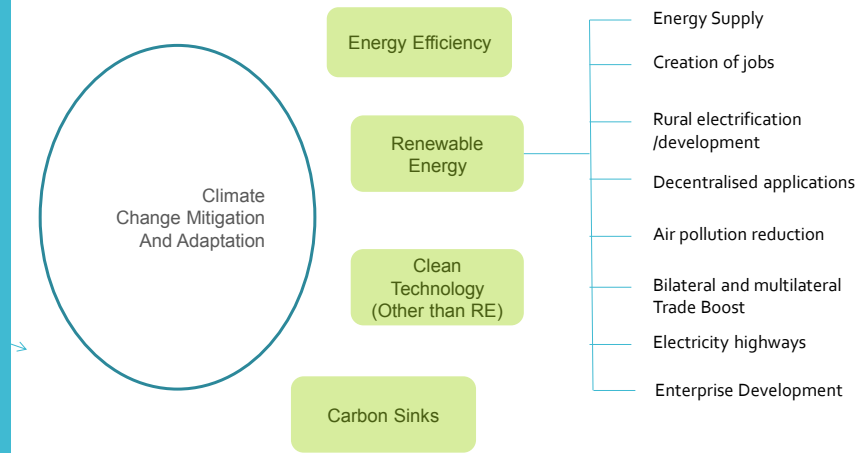
# Hud Hud Cyclone in Odisha

Impact of power grid



# Significance of Renewable Energy

Looking beyond energy supply



## Case Studies

Actions by Climate Parliament

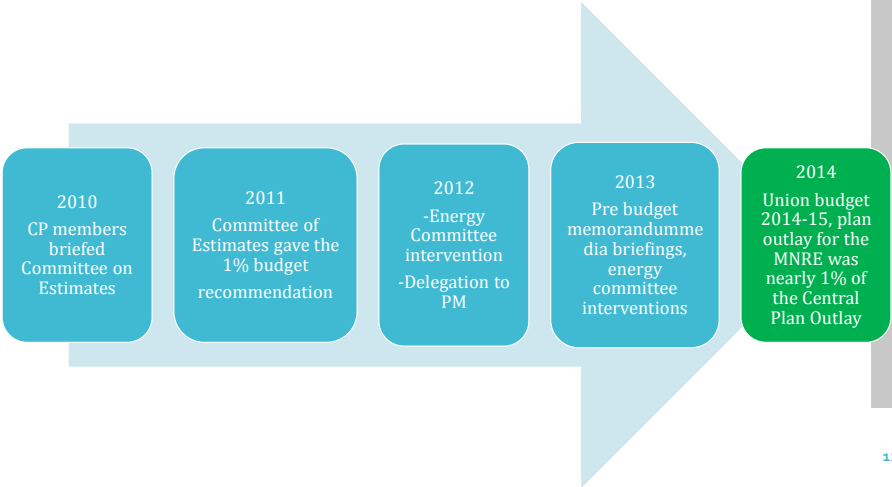
- Budgetary Oversight – 1% budget Campaign
- National Clean Energy Fund – Disbursal and utilisation
- Energy access Campaign
  - Raise the issue of household level electrification
  - Mission on Energy Access Mission
- Solar Power Cart Scheme
- Local Area Development Project
- Sustainable Renewable Energy Development Authority, Bangladesh

## Budgetary Oversight

Actions by Climate Parliament

**CHALLENGE** – Inadequate budget support to RE sector – Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

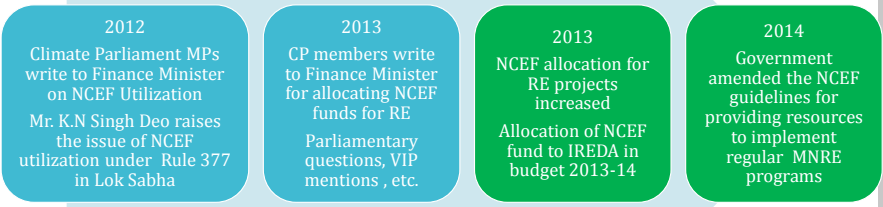
- Impact – delays in disbursement of subsidies and incentives
- Inability undertake soft jobs like capacity building, R&D etc.



# Financial Oversight

## Financial Oversight

**Baseline:**  
Large portion of NCEF remained unutilized till the year 2012



National Clean Energy Fund (NCEF) - Cess on production and utilisation of coal

# Solar cart in Odisha



## Role of Legislators in Implementing Adaptation

### India's steps on Adaptation

- Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change, 2007
- National Action Plan on Climate Change
  - *National Mission on Sustainable Habitat*
  - *Mission on Sustainable Agriculture*
  - *National Water Mission*
  - *National Mission on Himalayan Ecosystem*
  - *Mission on Strategic Knowledge*
- State Action Plans on Climate Change
- National and State budgetary allocations
- National Adaptation Fund
- Accessing international Funds
- NABARD – nodal agency for GCF



## Legislators' Role in Adaptation in India

Key Areas

- Embedding the adaptation strategies in India's development trajectory – mainstreaming adaptation – policy advocacy and legislative amendments
- Oversight on financial expenditures by Government on Climate Change adaptation
  - Budgetary expenditure on Climate change adaptation projects
  - Utilisation and effectiveness of budgetary expenditure through development schemes
  - National adaptation Fund on Climate Change
- Parliamentary Committee on Climate Change adaptation
  - Progress of National and State Action Plans
- Indicator on Climate Change preparedness of public schemes
- MP/MLA Local Area Development Fund
  - Channelising of 5% by every MP in India is likely to unlock around 26 million Euros annually

Steps needed