## ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION By Dr. Shashi Bala Faculty of Engineering University of Lucknow

As a policy maker, the role of government is crucial in the context of conservation & prevention of the environment.

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Public support for environmental policies should ultimately depend on the extent to which citizens think that, as a generally, people think it ought to be the government's responsibility to protect the environment. So people should be more likely to support government spending on the environment

**Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF)** established in 1985, today, apex administrative body in the country for regulating and to ensure environmental protection and lays down the legal and regulatory framework for the same. The MoEF and Pollution control boards ("CPCB", ie, Central Pollution Control Board and "SPCBs", ie, State Pollution Control Boards) together form the regulatory and administrative core of the sector.

Some of the important legislations for environment protection are as follows:

- The National Green Tribunal Act, 2010
- The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981
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- The Environment Protection Act, 1986
- The Hazardous Waste Management Regulations, etc.
- The National Green Tribunal Act, 2010
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(NGT Act) has been enacted with the objectives to provide for establishment of a National Green Tribunal (NGT) for the effective and expeditious disposal of cases relating to environment protection and conservation of forests and other natural resources including enforcement of any legal right relating to environment and giving relief and compensation for damages to persons and property and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

As explain above, its not duty of government but also of all citizen that we should protect our environment and save for our future generation.