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India initiates study on equity

New Delhi, Feb. 8: Seeking to make constructive contribution to the climate debate, India on Sunday said it had commissioned a study on equity of existing carbon space in the atmosphere, which could be crucial in determining the quantum or reduction in the emission of greenhouse gases.

"We have commissioned a study on equity of carbon space. I have asked Arvind Subramanian, a noted economist with the Peterson Institute for International Economics, Washington to prepare a paper on this," environment minister Jairam Ramesh told reporters here.

He said Mr Subramanian was expected to submit the

carbon space



Jeffrey Sachs, director of the Earth Institute, USA, with Nitin Desai, former undersecretary-general of the UN, at the Delhi Sustainable Development Summit on Sunday.

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paper in April. The issue of equity of carbon space would be discussed at an international workshop organised here in May ahead of the formal climate

talks in Bonn.

Carbon space refers to the gap between existing carbon volumes in the atmosphere and the volume that will be dangerous for environment.

Past emissions of greenhouse gases from rich countries have taken up much of that space and the developing countries are now standing up for their share.

The conference of experts would debate on the equity of future flows and not on the historical perspective.

"We do not have clarity on how equity is to be enshrined in international agreements," Mr Jairam Ramesh said at the 10th Delhi Sustainable Development Summit here.

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