

# India and the Post-2012

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# The Indian Position

- Developed countries must take the lead and recognise their responsibility
  - Reduce more than 40% of 1990 emissions by 2020
- New and additional financing
  - new financial mechanism, technology transfer, scaled up CDM, adaptation etc.
- Unilateral action by developing countries is not to be included in NAMAs
- Legal structure: likely not to favor a legal, ratifiable outcome from the LCA track (in Copenhagen)

# Key argumentation

- **Historic responsibility of the North**
  - 1992 UNFCCC: "historic emissions" in the preamble
  - Case India: 5,5 % of global GHG emissions, ~2% historically
- **Per Capita emissions**
  - US 22,5; OECD 14,1; China 5,5; India 1,7 (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)
- **Common but Differentiated Responsibilities**
  - 1990-1992: "Common responsibility" vs "Major responsibility"
  - 1992 UNFCCC: CBDR as a semantic compromise

# Indian perspective: current debate

- Strong national consensus on several issues
- India is annoyed over being labelled "Major Emitter"
  - Cumulative emissions
  - Per Capita emissions
- Developed countries have not "taken the lead"
  - Transition economies excluded, the developed world increased its emissions 11% between 1990-2005
  - Technology transfer?
- The unfinished development agenda is "not sufficiently understood"
  - "China and India", "Chindia", "Emerging economies"...

# Indian perspective: mass media

Fig. 2 English-Language Press Attitudes to International Climate Change Responsibility

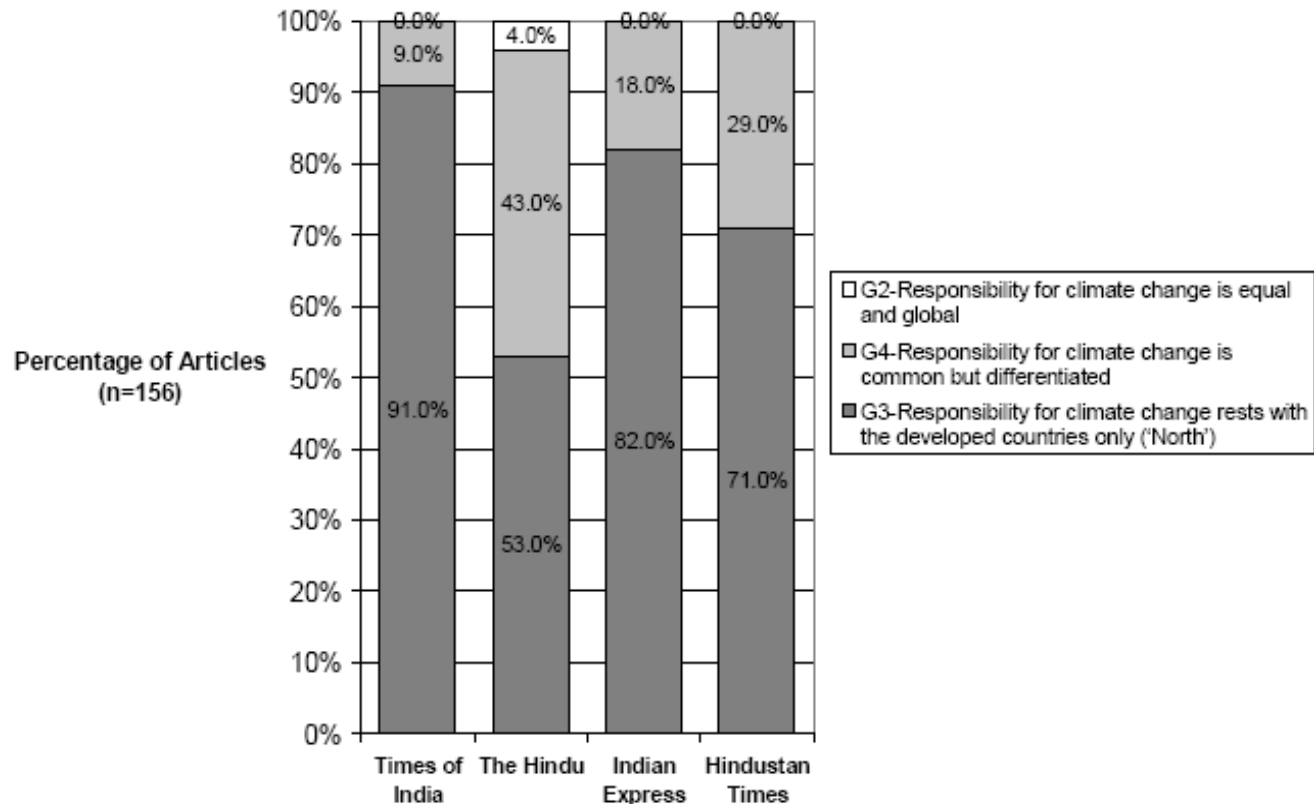


Fig. 2 Distribution of assigned codes on 'Responsibility' for climate change; n=156. The figure shows the distribution as a percentage of only those articles that were found to discuss responsibility.

# Recent signals

- **Jairam Ramesh is softening the Indian position?**
  - Emphasizing the differences of China and India
  - Explicit and implicit criticism of the traditional position
  - Schedules/Registry approach OK if firewall is maintained
  - MRV?
- **India is following the lead of China?**
  - National Action Plan on Climate Change
  - Singning bilateral partnership with the US
  - Presenting numbers on national emission reductions?
- **India does not want to be isolated in Copenhagen?**
  - Ramesh: “deal maker, not deal breaker”
  - Common draft and exit plans with China, Brazil, South Africa

**Thank you**

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