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RESEARCH ON CLIMATIC CHANGE
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open new institute for research on glaciers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to formulate a national programme to minimize the effect of changes in climate; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b): The Government has constituted an Expert Committee to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for setting up of new centre for research on snow, ice and glaciers. This Detailed Project Report will be processed by the Department of Science and Technology after following due Government procedures.

(c) & (d): Yes Sir. The Ministry of Environment and Forests has constituted an Expert Committee on Climate Change impacts, which is headed by the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government. This Committee will be looking into the impacts of anthropogenic climate change on India and identify measures that we have to take in future in relation to addressing vulnerability to anthropogenic climate change impacts. The Government has also set up a Prime Minister's Council on climate change to coordinate national action for assessment, adaptation and mitigation of climate change.