

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3389
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, 9TH AUGUST, 2023**

RESEARCH STATION IN ARCTIC

3389. SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government intends to establish another research station in Arctic region or Antarctica; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount of funds allocated for the same?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES
(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

- (a) No Sir. There are no plans to establish another research station in the Arctic region or in Antarctica. India has two research stations (Maitri and Bharati) in Antarctica which are in operation throughout the year. India also has one research station 'Himadri' in Arctic which is now in operation during summer period only. To increase the scientific activities in the Arctic region, it is planned to conduct the research at this station throughout the year.
- (b) No extra funds are allocated separately, however the existing funds under Polar and Cryosphere Research (PACER) scheme will be utilised.
