

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EARTH SCIENCES  
LOK SABHA**

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NEW RESEARCH CENTRE IN ANTARCTICA  
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**Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a new research centre in Antarctica to study the marine wealth available for exploitation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of scientists/technicians proposed to be stationed at this centre?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

- (a & b) India is in process of setting up a new research station on Larsemann Hills, East Antarctica, to carry out scientific studies on atmospheric, biological, earth sciences etc.
- (c) About 25 scientists/technicians will be stationed at this new station.