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NATIONAL MISSION FOR SUSTAINING HIMALAYAN ECO SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the States which have decided to provide support to National Mission for sustaining the Himalayan Eco-system;
- (b) the details of the States which proposed human/knowledge capacities or institutional capacities which have been identified as yet for conducting the study by researchers;
- (c) the number of people recruited in the human/knowledge or institutional capacities during the last three years and the current year; State-wise; and
- (d) the target set for fast tracking the mechanism?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING; MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (ASHWANI KUMAR)

- (a) All 12 Himalayan States viz., Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland, Mizoram and Tripura have been enrolled into National Mission for Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem (NMSHE). The States are in the process of preparing State Action Plans. Out of 12 Himalayan States, 9 have submitted draft State Action Plans. These are: Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura.
- (b) No proposal for building human/knowledge capabilities or institutional capacities has been received by the Mission from the Himalayan States. However, Government is considering to initiate pro- active action on building human and institutional capacities for research in the areas related to Himalayan ecosystem.
- (c) Under the mission, institutions are proposed to be supported for recruiting people. A Centre for Himalayan Glaciology has been set up as part of Wadia Institute for Himalayan Geology, Dehradun which recruited 14 people.
- (d) To fast tracking the mechanism for building human and institutional capacities, several actions that include setting up of an Indo-Swiss Joint Working Group on capacity building in glaciology and related areas and action for setting up of a National Centre for Himalayan Glaciology have been initiated.