

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EARTH SCIENCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2225  
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BASE STATION AT ANTARCTICA  
Sugavanam Shri E.G.

**Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up third Base Station at Antarctica;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which new Station is likely to be set up?

**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) Yes Madam. The Government has proposed to set up a state-of-art permanent Research base in the Larsemann Hills of East Antarctica, comprising landing place for the barges for offloading men and material, living accommodation for scientists and logistics staff, state- of-the-art laboratory facilities, a fuel dump, helipad, warehousing facilities, water-supply system, waste-water and sewages treatment mechanisms etc. The proposed third Indian station is expected to provide another platform to the Indian scientists to undertake scientific research in East Antarctica.

(c) The new station is likely to be set up by 2012.