

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3144
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RESEARCH STATION AT ARCTIC ZONE
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up a Research Station at Arctic Zone;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the 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 & c) A research base named "Himadri" for carrying out studies in the disciplines like; Glaciology, Atmospheric sciences & Biological sciences for a total of eight scientists has already been established by India at the International Arctic Research Base at Ny-Alesund, Svalbard, Norway. This Research Base was formally inaugurated on the 1st July 2008.