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STUDY CENTRES FOR GLACIOLOGY
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government plans to set up new study centres for Glaciology in Uttarakhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating salient features of the proposed centre; and
- (c) the number of such Glaciology centres at present in our country, particularly in Uttarakhand, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY)

(a) & (b): Under the National Action Plan for Climate Change, it is proposed to set up a new 'National Centre for Himalayan Glaciology (NCHG)' in India. As part of this plan, 'Centre for Glaciology (CFG)' was established by the Department of Science and Technology at Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG), Dehradun, Uttarakhand. The CFG has been in operation since 2009 and devoted to the development of necessary infrastructure, human resource development and launching interdisciplinary studies in the field of glaciology. NCHG, as designed, will develop and maintain permanent glaciological observational systems and undertake glaciological research particularly through multi-institutional collaboration.

(c) Glacier related studies are being carried out at many places like Geological Survey of India, Indian Institute of Science, Jawaharlal Nehru University etc., but there is no other Centre in India, other than CFG in Uttarakhand, exclusively devoted to research and development in Glaciology.