

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA**

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GLACIER AUTHORITY
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a Glacier Authority for conservation and development of the Himalayas keeping in view of continuous decline in the water level of the rivers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the likely composition of the above authority; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION;
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TEXTILES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE). (SHRISANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)to(c) The Ministry of Science & Technology has proposed to establish a Centre for Glaciology at Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG). The primary mission of the Centre is to 'Mount a coordinated research initiative on Himalayan glaciology to understand the factors controlling the effects of climate on glaciers in order to develop strategies for climate change adaptability for sustained growth of society'. In addition, the Centre shall take up programmes of capacity building in this very specialized field.