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Title : Need to formulate long-term strategy to check receding trend in glaciers and ecological imbalance in Himalayan region. *h

PROF. CHANDER KUMAR (KANGRA): The glaciers have been receding in the Himalayan belt for the last seven-eight years. If this trend continues, the receding glaciers may spell doom for water requirement for the coming 10-15 years, secondly for hydro-power generation, near about 250 small and big glaciers are receding in Lahual in Himachal Pradesh. This is due to drastic rise in global temperature resulting in large-scale ecological imbalance. The other constant threat to Himalayas is due to large-scale exploitation of forest wealth in the region. I will urge upon the Government to contemplate long-term strategy to meet out this menace of receding glaciers and ecological imbalance in the Himalayan region.