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Title: Need to constitute Himalayan Development Authority to safeguard the ecology of the Himalayas.

SHRI KIREN RIJIJU (ARUNACHAL WEST): Arunachal Pradesh is one of the most resourceful State in the country. It has also been declared as one of the hottest Bio-diversity spot in the world due to its varied and diversified climatic vegetation. Due to the effect of the global warming, the glaciers of upper reach of high mountain ranges are reportedly receding and causing more floods in summer and lesser volume of water in the winters. This is likely to have impact on the sensitive and delicate balance of climate conditions in Arunachal Pradesh and adversely affect the human beings.

The Government of India is not giving due attention and importance for the environmental conservation needs for a sustainable development. I urge upon the Minister for Environment and Forests to immediately constitute Himalayan Development Authority to cater and formulate plans for the developmental activities in the Himalayan region and to safeguard the natural climatic pattern of the Himalayas. I also urge upon the Government to constitute a Committee to conduct the survey of climatic changes due to the global warming in Arunachal Pradesh and grant special financial package to the State of Arunachal Pradesh for forest conservation to maintain the ecology.