

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4639
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND APRIL, 2015**

ANTARCTIC EXPEDITIONS

4639. SHRI CHAND NATH

Will the MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds spent to hire ice-class vessels from international market for research in Antarctic; and**
- (b) the names of the countries from where polar research vessel is likely to be purchased?**

ANSWER

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

- (a) Madam, the charges towards chartering of ice class vessels for Indian Scientific Expeditions to Antarctica, year-wise from 2010-11 to 2014-15 is as below:**

Year	Total Cost of Chartering (Rs)
2010-11	54.35 Crores
2011-12	72.39 Crores
2012-13	71.28 Crores
2013-14	43.90 Crores
2014-15	21.50 Crores

- (b) Madam, Polar Research Vessel is likely to be acquired from Spain.**
