

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. **2539**
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2012

RESEARCH ON CLIMATE CHANGE AT NORTH POLE

2539. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of **EARTH SCIENCES** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to conduct research on climate change at North Pole;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;
- (d) whether any agreement has been signed with any other country in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
(SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

- (a) No Sir. However, India has set up its Arctic research station - **Himadri** at Spitsbergen, Svalbard, Norway in 2008, located as a part of the International Arctic Research Facility, Ny-Ålesund (one of the world's northernmost settlements at 78°55'N 11°56'E about 1200Km south of the north pole), primarily to conduct coordinated research in i) Geological mapping and allied earth science studies; ii) Biogeochemistry of sea-ice ecosystems; iii) Atmospheric Physics and Chemistry; iv) Glaciological Studies; v) Paleo-climatology etc.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) No Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.
