

discussion paper titled "Himalayan Glaciers: A state-of-Art Review of Glacial Studies, Glacial Retreat and Climate Change authored by Shri V.K. Raina, Ex. Deputy Director General, Geological Survey of India. This paper contains information on Glacier Monitoring and key finding of recent studies in the Indian Himalayas and notes that glaciers have retreated throughout history as part of a natural cyclic phenomenon.

The National Action Plan on Climate Change which was launched in June 2008 includes a National Mission for Sustaining the Himalayan Eco-system amongst its eight national missions. A new research centre on Himalayan Glaciology has been established at Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun. This Mission and the Centre are means to provide relevant information relating to Himalayan glaciers.

Composition of Prasar Bharati Board

*156. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Narayanamurthy Committee had strongly recommended the composition of Prasar Bharati Board with its Chairman and six members being on part-time basis and only the Chief Executive Officer as a full-time member on the Board;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any steps to constitute the Prasar Bharati Board accordingly; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No Sir. Prasar Bharati informed the Ministry that no difficulties were being faced in the functioning of the Prasar Bharati Board with the existing composition and that the changes may not necessarily improve the performance of the Organisation. Accordingly, the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting took the same view in its written reply furnished to the Standing Committee on Information Technology which examined the subject "The role of Prasar Bharati and its future status" in its meetings on 5th & 22nd January, 2007.

Revision of power generation targets

†*157. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of a revision in the target for power generation during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, Government proposes to reduce the set target again;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the power generated during the last Five Year Plans?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.