

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.

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) The targets of electricity generation in the country are fixed on year to year basis and not for the Plan period as a whole. The targets fixed for electricity generation including import of energy from Bhutan, during the first three years of 11th Plan, i.e., 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 were 710 Billion Units (BU), 744.03 BU & 789.5 BU respectively. These targets have not been revised.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

(c) The power generated during 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th Five Year Plans and Annual Plans 1990-91 and 1991-92 are given below:-

Plan	Generation* (Billion Unit)
6th Plan	660.246
7th Plan	1026.991
Annual Plan 1990-91 & 1991-92	551.357
8th Plan	1751.668
9th Plan	2369.990
10th Plan	2986.725

* Including generation from Renewable Energy Sources.

Fund for climate changes

* 158. DR. RAM PRAKASH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been agreed in Copenhagen, that \$100 Billion will be raised per year by 2020 to help developing countries cut carbon emission and adapt to climate change;

(b) whether there is any agreement on how much individual countries would contribute to and benefit from such fund;

(c) whether this money will go to Copenhagen Green Climate Fund; and

(d) if not, who will monitor this fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (d) During the Copenhagen Conference on Climate Change, no decisions could be taken on the issues under discussion including those relating to climate change finance. The Parties have decided to continue negotiations till December 2010 when Sixteenth Conference of Parties will be held in Cancun, Mexico.

However, the "Copenhagen Accord" resulting from a discussion amongst a select group of countries, that was not adopted but only 'noted' by the Parties has a provision stating that developed