

This rise in temperature has resulted in shrinkage of glaciated area by about 0.54% between 1990 and 2014 (*i.e.* 5.01 Km² out of total area 925 km², based on 30 m LANSAT data) and Snout has retreated about 408 ±30 m between 1990 and 2014.

Skill upgradation for disposal of e-wastes

3844. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked out a plan to skill kabariwalas for efficient collection and disposal of e-wastes;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of kabariwalas trained, so far, and

(c) the steps taken by Government for proper implementation of the plan across the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) to (c) National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) is a public private company under Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. NSDC is mandated to create Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) as autonomous industry-led bodies for steering skill development and training. The SSCs are responsible for defining the skilling needs, concept, processes, certifications and accreditation of their respective industry sectors. The Skill Council for Green Jobs has been entrusted with skill development in the area of Waste Management, including e-waste. The Skill Council has prepared following Qualification Packs in Waste Management Sector:

- (i) Recyclable Waste Collector and Segregator
- (ii) Safai Karamchari
- (iii) Wastewater Treatment Plant Technician
- (iv) Wastewater Treatment Plant Helper
- (v) Waste Picker

While the Wastewater Treatment Plant Technician and Helper have already been brought under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), the Qualification Packs of Recyclable Waste Collector and Segregator, Safai Karamchari and Waste Picker are proposed to be brought under the PMKVY scheme. The Qualification Pack 'Recyclable Waste Collector and Segregator' envisages skilling Kabariwalas for effective collection and disposal of e-waste.