

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2040  
TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2021**

**RESEARCH CENTRE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE**

**2040. SHRI JAMYANG TSERING NAMGYAL :**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to establish a dedicated Research centre for Climate Change in cold Desert of Himalaya and also within the Union Territory of Ladakh to address various earth scientific issues and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the ministry proposes to promote awareness about "Science of Earth" among students and common public;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether his Ministry has conducted/launched any program for rapid exchange of researches and ideas between the widespread community of Earth Scientists; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the quantum of funds allocated in this regard?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND  
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES  
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)**

- (a) India Meteorological Department (IMD) has set up a Meteorological Centre in Leh to cater to the needs of Ladakh region. This centre will address all the requirements of weather forecasts and climate services for the region. There is no proposal to set up a separate climate centre within the Union Territory of Ladakh.

Also, action is in process to add more Automatic Weather Stations to Ladakh to enhance the weather monitoring of the area.

- (b) Yes Sir.
- (c) Ministry supports to propagate and bring awareness about the activities of the earth sciences among students/public and common user communities through exhibitions/fairs. "Earth Day" and "Ozone Day" are celebrated with the participation of School, College and

University students. Ministry also supports the National and International Earth Science Olympiad, every year.

- (d) At present, national and international seminars/symposia/workshops are supported by Ministry for rapid exchange of researches and ideas between the widespread community of Earth Scientists.
- (e) Government approved total funds Rs. 25.23 Crore for the period 2017-2020 for outreach and awareness program that comprises the funds for the said activities.

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