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Sub: Material for reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Diary No. 622 for 25.02.2015 asked by Shri Bheemrao B. Patil regarding tie-up for climate change studies.

 Dear Sir,

Please refer to your e-mail dated 16.02.2015 on the subject cited above.

 As desired, we forward herewith the draft material to the aforesaid Lok Sabha Question for further action at your end.

 Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(UMAKANT AGARWAL)

 **Deputy Registrar (Academic)**

**Encl:** As above.

Copy to : Sh. P.K. Singh, Under Secretary (CU-II), MHRD, New Delhi.

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Material for reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Diary No. 622 for 25.02.2015 asked by Shri Bheemrao B. Patil regarding tie-up for climate change studies.

**Q. (a) Whether the Jawaharlal Nehru University has tied-up for climate change studies with other Universities in the county; and**

Reply:Jawaharlal Nehru University had taken an initiative to form a four partner consortium of Universities to address the issue of Himalayan cryosphere and climate change. On 13 February 2012, a MoU was signed by the heads of the Jawaharlal Nehru University, Sikkim University, University of Kashmir and University of Jammu, Jammu. Knowing that the Himalayan glaciers are one of the most sensitive parameter to evaluate for climate change, this consortium was christened as: **Inter-University Consortium on Cryosphere and Climate Change (IUCCCC; see** [**www.iucccc.in**](http://www.iucccc.in)**).** These universities are best suited for the purpose of addressing the cryosphere climate change issues.

**Q. (b) If so, the details thereof and the progress made so far with each University?**

Reply: Jawaharlal Nehru University-coordinated Consortium currently implements DST-CCP funded project entitled: **The Himalayan Cryosphere: Science & Society**. This will enable setting-up of the cutting-edge scientific equipments over five years period including laboratories for capacity building to be shared among the consortium member universities. This will be shared with other relevant institutions with similar research interests. Each university has identified benchmark glaciers to make holistic scientific study w.r.t. to possible effects of climate change and societal responses thereto.

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