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Sub: Material for reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 300 to be answered on 27.04.2015 regarding ‘JNU Tie up with other Universities’.

Dear Sir,

 Please refer to your e-mail dated 23.04.2015 on the subject cited above.

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

 Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(YASHWANT SINGH)

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**Encl:** As above.

CC: PS to Registrar --- For kind information of the Registrar.

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**Q. (a) Whether the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) is trying with other Universities in the county for climate change studies; 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 parameters 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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