

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2869**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2020**

**HIMLAYAN STATE REGIONAL COUNCIL**

2869. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of 'Himalayan State Regional Council' for sustainable development in Indian Himalayan region;
- (b) the steps/actions/plans the Government has taken to ensure sustainable development in the Himalayan region; and
- (c) the details of all plans/steps/action including Darjeeling Himalayan region developed by Himalayan State Regional Council, if any?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING  
AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF  
STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a) to (c) A "Himalayan States Regional Council for Sustainable Development in Indian Himalayan Region" was constituted by NITI Aayog on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 under the chairmanship of Member (Science & Technology), NITI Aayog. The Council has held two meetings and deliberated on the implementation of five reports released by NITI Aayog on (i) Inventory and Revival of Springs in the Himalayas for Water Security (ii) Sustainable Tourism in the Indian Himalayan Region (iii) Shifting Cultivation: Towards a Transformational Approach (iv) Strengthening Skill and Entrepreneurship Landscape in the Indian Himalayan Region and (v) Data for Informed Decision Making. Apart from these reports, no specific action plan has been developed by Himalayan States Regional Council for Sustainable Development in Indian Himalayan Region for Darjeeling Himalayan region.

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