

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 908
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY, 2024**

EARTHQUAKE MONITORING CENTRE

908. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has established an Earthquake Monitoring Centre in Satara district of Maharashtra and if so, the details regarding its establishment, purpose and functions;
- (b) the number of officials currently working at the Earthquake Monitoring Center in Satara district, Maharashtra;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal for the employment of local people in this centre; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including actions taken by the Government in response to these proposals?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES
(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)**

- (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Satara District of Maharashtra contains six Earthquake Monitoring Centres (Seismological Observatories) at present. These six centres are part of the National Seismological Network, which presently comprises 159 such stations across the country. Among these, only the Earthquake Monitoring Centre (Seismological Observatory) in Karad is staffed by a permanent official from the India Meteorological Department (IMD), while the remaining centres are unmanned. In addition, the National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI), Hyderabad, under CSIR operates several un-manned Earthquake Monitoring Centres (Seismological Observatories) in and around Koyna, for research purposes.
- (c) No Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.
