

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CONFERENCE OF SCIENTISTS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government convened a conference of the Scientists and other experts in various fields in Delhi during April 2000;
- (b) if so, the objectives thereof ;
- (c) whether Asia`s first portal Geographical Information Service (GIS) was launched in this conference;
- (d) if so, the sectors likely to be benefited therefrom;
- (e) whether this system is also likely to help for providing any advance information regarding cyclone, etc; and
- (f) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a),(b), (c), (d), (e) & (f) : No, sir. The Department did not convene the Conference of Scientists and other experts in various fields in Delhi during April, 2000. However, Map India 2000, 3rd International Conference and exhibition was held in New Delhi during 10-11 April, 2000 at Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi, which was organized by Centre for Spatial Database Management and Solutions, NOIDA UP, a non-governmental Organization. The Conference mainly addressed the issue of Geographical Information System (GIS) and the emerging technology and applications in the Internet era. A GIS portal www.GIS.development.net was launched by the Hon`ble Chief Minister of Delhi Smt. Sheila Dikshit termed as `The Asian GIS Portal.`

The Department has not received any recommendation of the Conference.