

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA**

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WEATHER STATION
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government is contemplating to setup Weather Stations all over the country for giving substantive forecasting ;
- (b) If so the details thereof, location wise;
- (c) Whether the Government also proposes to set up Weather Station at Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh near the geographical center of the country; and
- (d) If so, the time by which such stations are likely to operational ?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

- a) Yes Sir. The government is contemplating to set up 125 Satellite-linked Automatic Weather Stations and 500 Satellite-linked Automatic Raingauge Stations in the first phase.
- b) Equipment for 125 Automatic Weather Stations have already been received which are under different stages of installation in the country. The list of stations is enclosed (Appendix-I).
- c) & d) A departmental observatory is already functioning at Jabalpur. An Automatic Weather Station will also be installed at Jabalpur during the next phase of Automatic Weather Stations installations. However, Patan in Jabalpur District has been selected for installation of Automatic Raingauge. It will also have sensors for temperature and humidity measurements. All 125 Automatic Weather Stations will be installed by mid of the year 2007.