

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION OF IMD
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to modernize the Indian Meteorological Department ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the amount earmarked for a the purpose; and
- (c) the time by which the modernization plan is likely to be taken up?

Answer

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

(a)and(b) : Yes, sir. A comprehensive plan has been prepared by the India Meteorological Department for modernization of its observational systems, forecasting systems, airport meteorological services and seismological network. The total estimated cost of the project is Rs. 3667 crores.

The plan is however under review by an expert committee. The plan would be finalized within a few months and would be submitted to the planning commission for allocation of funds.

(C) The modernization will be taken up in two phases. The first phase will be completed in two years and the second phase would be completed by the end of 11th five year plan.