

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government is in the process of upgrading infrastructure of India Meteorological Department (IMD) stations in the National Capital to make weather forecasting as much as 95 percent accurate and faster;
- (b) if so, the total financial allocation made by the Government for this purpose;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to upgrade other IMD stations in other metros and coastal areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MINISTRY OF THE EARTH SCIENCES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

- (a) India Meteorological Department (IMD) is upgrading its observational infrastructure as well as its computing power to provide better forecasting in the National Capital as well as other parts of the country.
- (b) A sum of Rs. 49.34 crores is allocated.
- (c-d) Weather monitoring and information dissemination service infrastructure across the country is currently being expanded with Automatic Weather Station (AWS) and Automatic Rain Gauges (ARG) covering all districts/ urban areas under IMDs Modernization Phase-I Programme.
- (e) Does not arise.