

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6531
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STUDY ON WEATHER SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated and spent on tracking the variability of weather systems in the country during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;
- (b) whether the scientists are also sent abroad to study the weather system of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent by the Government in this regard during the aforesaid period; and
- (d) the benefits accrued as a result thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) The allocation of funds to the India Meteorological Department (IMD) for the last three years and the current year are as follows:

(Figure in Crores)

Year	Funds Allocated		Expenditure	
	Non Plan	Plan	Non Plan	Plan
2007 - 2008	Rs.153.67	Rs.301.00	Rs.139.20	Rs.43.77
2008 - 2009	Rs.208.42	Rs.432.00	Rs.198.26	Rs.183.76
2009 - 2010	Rs.265.26	Rs.310.38	Rs.251.10	Rs.206.11
2010-2011	Rs.226.00	Rs.321.00	-	-

- (b) Yes Madam.

- (c) The details of amount spent on foreign travel are given below:

2007 - 2008	Rs.0.17 Crores
2008 - 2009	Rs.0.24 Crores
2009 - 2010	Rs.1.54 Crores

- (d) It has improved scientific knowledge and weather forecasting skills of IMD officers, thereby enhancing technical capacity in rendering improved weather services.