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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT STUDIES

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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has announced a timeframe for the setting up of the National Institute of Climate and Environmental Studies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the mandate for the institute; and
- (d) the funds sanctioned for the setting up of this institute?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b): Department of Space (DOS) in consultation with other Ministries/Departments has initiated setting up of the National Institute of Climate and Environment Studies (NICES) around the existing facilities of National Atmospheric Research Laboratory (NARL) of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)/DOS at Gadanki near Tirupati.

(c) The mandate for the Institute is to design and develop newer sensors, satellites for studying various climate and environmental parameters, establish a `Data Centre` with the repository of climate data and data dissemination to the concerned agency, carry out focused research and develop modeling capability utilizing national and international expertise and capacity building in the areas of climate and environment science.

(d) The funds required for the activities of NICES are being met from the annual Budget of the Department of Space.