

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1473
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WEATHER STATIONS IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has an ambitious scheme to set up Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the locations identified for the purpose, State-wise; and
- (c) the time by which these AWS are likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES, MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF 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 PARLIMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

- (a) Yes Madam.
- (b) India Meteorological Department (IMD) plan to establish a robust network of AWSs across India, covering all districts during the XI plan. Currently, a network of 177 AWS stations (including one in Antarctica) is already functional as listed in Annexure-I.
- (c) The AWS network covering the entire country is likely to be completed by December 2009.