

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EARTH SCIENCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:683  
ANSWERED ON:08.07.2009  
ARTIFICIAL RAINFALL  
Chavan Shri Harischandra Deoram

**Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether artificial rainfall is being contemplated in several parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received proposals from various States in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No, Sir. Presently it is being contemplated by only one state.
- (b) Government of Andhra Pradesh is in the process of taking action for initiating cloud seeding in the State. Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology under the Ministry of Earth Sciences is providing scientific guidance to the Andhra Pradesh Government for the program.
- (c) No Sir
- (d) Not applicable.