

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA**

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UPGRADATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE OF IMD
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for improving the functioning of scientists working in the field of meteorological research and forecasting;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the existing infrastructure is inadequate for the said purpose; and
- (d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for upgradation of infrastructure of India Meteorological Department (IMD)?

Answer

MINISTER FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) No exclusive scheme has been launched Madam. However, the Flexible Complementing Scheme (FCS) of Career Progression has been implemented for the scientific services including those engaged in weather research and forecasting.

FCS implementation was based on the Third Central Pay Commission Recommendations of 1973 that allows award of promotion from one grade to another after a prescribed period of service for scientists of proven merit and ability irrespective of the availability of any vacancy. The FCS provisions have been amended from time to time by the Government following the recommendations of the subsequent pay commissions. Recently, Government has modified FCS for Scientists based on the recommendations of the 6th Central Pay Commission in September, 2010.

(b) Does not arise.

(c & d) No Madam. However, Government feels that the upgradation of the observing system, high performance computing, communication, forecast/warning systems, product dissemination systems etc. should become a continuous process by which state-of-the-art science and technology tools can be made accessible to the scientists engaged in weather research and forecasting towards enhancing the service quality.

During the XI Plan, phase-I of the modernization programme of the Earth System Science Organization (ESSO)-IMD is implemented by the Government with an allocated grant of Rs. 920crores.