

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF SPACE WEATHER READING CENTRE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for setting up space weather reading centre in Kolkata for practice in Space Environment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which this centre is likely to be established; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for coordination between Space Weather Reading Centre and Indian Meteorological Centre?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

- (a) & (b): One Centre of Excellence in Space Sciences under the scheme of "Establishment of Centres of Excellence for Training and Research in Frontier Areas of Science & Technology" has been established in the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Kolkata to pursue the understanding and prediction of the weather in near-Earth space that impacts space-based technologies such as satellite operations, aviation, telecommunication and to train human resources in these emerging disciplines.
- (c) & (d): The Centre was established in August, 2013 and one of the envisaged objectives of the Centre is coordination with the Indian Meteorological Department.