

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA**

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FOG PREDICTION
Thota Shri Narasimham

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Indian Meteorological Department predicted a total of about 100 hours of fog and a couple of freak fog days in December, 2014 in Delhi:
- (b) if so, Whether the Meteorological Department has also predicted the fog condition in respect of other parts of the country:
- (c) if so, the details thereof:
- (d) Whether IMD proposed to send SMS and e-mail alerts to passengers with 18 hours forecast before flights: and
- (e) if so the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a-b-c) No, Madam. Earth system science organization India Meteorological Department (ESSO-IMD) does not issue seasonal and monthly forecasts for fog. this is the information for IGI Palam Airport based on climatology prepared on the basis of data for the period 1980-2010. the number of days with fog in other cities of northern India during December to February is given in Annexure-I

(d-e) ESSO-IMD disseminates real time updates of possible fog development scenario in real time to Airport Authority of India (AAI) and Airport Operators/Airlines for taking appropriate action further.