

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA**

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IMD SERVICES
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to extend the warning services of Indian Meteorological Department currently being provided to airports, to sectors like roads and railways to make winter travel safer; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY)

(a-b) Currently Earth System Science Organisation–India Meteorological Department (ESSO-IMD) is issuing as a part of general 24 hour Weather outlook (rain/snow, severe weather) broadly covering roads and highways of North West India (Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Utrakhand, Haryana, Punjab Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh) and Tamilnadu. Further, ESSO-IMD is also issuing special weather forecasts for tourist places. Special forecasts are issued for pilgrim tourists for Char Dham Yatra, Amamathji Yatra etc. The weather information (Maximum, Minimum temperatures, Rainfall and Sky condition, etc.) and forecast for next 7 days for 310 important cities and towns in all the states and union territories of India including 107 tourist locations, is being issued under tourism forecasts by the ESSO-IMD and they are available on the National and Regional websites of ESSO-IMD.