### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEPARTMENT OF SPACE

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3490

#### **TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 02, 2019**

#### **DOPPLER RADAR**

- 3490. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:
  - Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Doppler Radar stationed at Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram was switched on and made operational for every day between 15th Novermber, 2017 and 15th December, 2017;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the specific time period during which the Doppler Radar was switched off and the reasons therefor?

#### **ANSWER**

# MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

- (a) Yes Madam. The Doppler Radar at Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre,

  Thiruvananthapuram was operational for every day between

  15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017.
- (b) On 15<sup>th</sup>November 2017, the Radar was operated in daytime i.e., 0900 hrs to 2100 hrs IST. From 16<sup>th</sup>November 2017 (0900 hrs IST) to 15<sup>th</sup>Dec 2017, the Radar was operated round the clock.
- (c) The Radar was switched off from 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017, 00:28 hrs IST to 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 10:08 hrs IST for maintenance.

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