GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1629

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INAUGURATION OF INDIA'S FIRST "OPEN-AIR ART WALL MUSEUM" AT MAUSAM BHAWAN

1629. # SHRI SUBHASH BARALA: SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK: SHRI LAHAR SINGH SIROYA:

Will the Minister of **EARTH SCIENCES** be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which Government plans to utilize similar artistic initiatives to enhance public awareness about meteorology and climate science across different regions of the country;
- (b) whether there are any plans to integrate weather science awareness programmes into educational curricula, taking inspiration from this art initiative; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

- (a) The "Open Air Art Wall Museum" at "Mausam Bhawan" Lodhi Road, New Delhi, is the first of its kind artistic initiative in the country to enhance public awareness about meteorology and climate science. It reflects a vibrant visual narrative of India's meteorological advancements, history, and the impact of weather on society. It has a series of reminders and warnings, as well as do's and don'ts, in certain weather-related situations including heavy rainfall, heatwaves, cyclones, thunderstorms, etc. Similar artistic initiatives are not currently in plan.
- (b)-(c) Yes. The ministry has been working continuously to integrate weather science awareness programs into school and college curricula by promoting courses and special lectures in meteorology, climatology, disaster risk vulnerability of India, preparedness, and management. It includes talks, chapters about severe weather events (cyclones, thunderstorms, heavy rainfall, etc.), frequently asked questions (FAQs), related safety preparedness with do's and don'ts, and all safety steps to be followed before and during such disasters. It also promotes Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials prepared by the India Meteorological Department (IMD), National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), etc.. It also spreads awareness through posters, leaflets, brochures, and social media posts.
