

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1485
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 04, 2015**

MOBILE APPLICATION FOR WEATHER FORECAST

**1485. SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA:
SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:**

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched/proposes to launch mobile application for weather forecast;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and its likely benefits; and**
- (c) the action plan formulated by the Government for its expeditious implementation?**

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b-c) Earth System Science Organization–India Meteorological Department (ESSO-IMD) has developed and launched a mobile application for android based smart phone / tablets in Jan 2013. The mobile app by the name ‘Indian Weather’ is downloadable from Google play store, free of cost. Presently, the app provides current weather and 4 days weather forecast across the country for 310 cities. The mobile app. shall also be hosted for free download from the government mobile appstore (<https://apps.mgov.gov.in/indwx.isp>).

The Integrated Agro-meteorological Advisory Service (IAAS) of the ESSO-IMD has been successful in providing the crop specific advisories to the farmers at the district level twice weekly through different print/visual/Radio/ IT based wider dissemination media including short message service (SMS) and Integrated Voice Response System (IVRS). Presently, 8.01 million farmers are receiving the agromet advisories on their mobile.
