

**Earth System Science Organization**

Ministry of Earth Sciences

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Procurement of Aircraft Facility for ESSO-MoES**

A news report was published on 2 February in the New Delhi edition of the Hindu saying that the ministry of Earth Sciences is procuring a NASA aircraft for research work on tropical cyclones. In this connection, we would like to clarify the following:

1. Earth System Science Organization (ESSO), Ministry of Earth Sciences is planning to procure a small aircraft with turbo engine for developing a national facility for airborne measurements. This facility will be developed by 2015-16.
2. ESSO/MoES is collaborating with NASA and the Florida State University in the experimental campaign on wind profile measurements using the NASA aircraft in 2016.
3. The procurement of aircraft as mentioned in para 1 above has nothing to do with the experimental campaign planned with NASA aircraft (para 2 above).