

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3879
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, APRIL 02, 2018**

EARTHQUAKE MONITORING LABORATORIES IN SCHOOLS

3879. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has implemented a pilot project on School Earthquake Monitoring Laboratories in 100 identified schools located in seismic zones of Himalayas and north eastern parts of the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure occurred thereon during last three years;**
- (c) the details of results of the series of training programmes organised with the help of experts for students and science teachers across the country; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

- (a-b) Yes Sir, a pilot project on School Earthquake Monitoring Laboratories was implemented through Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG), Dehradun and Manipur University (MU), Imphal in north-west and northeastern parts of the country, respectively at a total cost of Rs. 3.517 crores. Under the project, low version seismographs were installed in 60 schools in north-west Himalaya and in 40 schools in northeast region.**
- (c) The trainings to concerned school teachers was imparted by both the institutions i.e. WIHG and MU as a part of the project activity and it was not taken up at all India level, separately. The training helped the teachers to create awareness amongst the students about earthquakes as well as to expose them to basics of earthquake recording etc. A very significant outcome of the training to school teachers in north-west region was the collection and reporting of the information by them on the effects of Kashmir earthquake of October 2005 at local scale.**
- (d) Does not arise.**
