

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 998
TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020**

AUTOMATIC WEATHER STATIONS

998. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to establish Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) across the country to improve forecast accuracy significantly, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (b) whether it is also a fact that many State Governments have demanded more AWS in the aftermath of floods in their States, if so, the details thereof?**

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

- (a) Yes Sir. Government proposes to set up more Automatic Weather Stations (AWSs) and Automatic Raingauges (ARGs) across the country, as per given below:-**
 - 1. 300 AWSs & ARGs for North East India.**
 - 2. 100 AWSs for Kerala.**
 - 3. 200 AWSs for replacement of existing obsolete AWSs across the country.**
 - 4. 530 AWS for District Agricultural Meteorological Units (DAMUs) for real time monitoring of all Agro & Weather Parameters.**
 - 5. AWS network across Himalaya region for continuous monitoring of Himalayan weather.**
 - 6. 200 AWSs at Kendriya Vidyalayas across the country**
 - 7. Dense network of AWS in each major city to improve urban meteorological services.**
- (b) Yes Sir. Government of Kerala has demanded 100 Nos. of AWSs in the aftermath of floods in the State, out of which 15 are already under installation.**
