GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. **1732** TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2013

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1732. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched the National Monsoon Mission to set up a state-of-the-art climate model; and
- (b) if so, the details of the Mission and also the details of persons belonging to SC/ST communities involved therein?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

- (a) Yes Sir.
- (b) Government has launched the National Monsoon Mission to set up a state-of-the-art climate model for (a) improved prediction of monsoon rainfall on extended range to seasonal time scale (16 days to one season) and (b) improved prediction of temperature, rainfall and extreme weather events on short to medium range time scale (up to 15 days). Among the 52 additional posts recommended for creation in a phased manner under the program, about 20 positions at the level of Scientist 'B' that are yet to be approved for creation by the Finance Ministry would be falling under the category of posts to be dully filled, subsequently upon their creation, as per the extant norms of recruitment involving SC/ST and other communities.
