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.

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