

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4494
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6th May, 2010

AUTOMATIC WEATHER STATIONS (AWS)

4494. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) in all districts during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of funds allocated for the said purpose;
- (c) the details of targets of Eleventh Five Year Plan so far achieved along with the funds so far incurred thereon; and
- (d) the details of the remedial measures taken by Government to achieve the targets of Eleventh Plan?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES,
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, MINISTER OF
STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS
AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

- (a) Yes Sir.
- (b) Weather monitoring and information dissemination service infrastructure across the country is currently being expanded with 550 Nos. of Automatic Weather Station (AWS), covering all districts, under IMD's Modernization Programme (Phase-I). India Meteorological Department (IMD) had established 125Nos. of AWS during 2006-07 of the Tenth Five Year Plan. Allocation for this purpose is Rs. 25.50 crores during the Eleventh Five Year Plan.
- (c) Till now 222 AWSs, out of 550, have been made operational. An amount of Rs. 10.00 Crore (upto 31.03.2010) has been incurred during the 11th Plan Period.
- (d) Full commissioning of 550 Nos. of AWSs will be completed by the end of March 2011.
