GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3216 TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, 19TH MARCH, 2025

PUBLIC AWARENESS REGARDING METEOROLOGY

†3216. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: SHRI MUKESH RAJPUT:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which the Government proposes to create public awareness regarding meteorology and climate science in various areas of the country using the artistic initiatives;
- (b) whether the Government has any scheme to integrate meteorology awareness programmes in the academic curriculum by taking inspiration from the said artistic initiative; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

- (a) The "Open Air Art Wall Museum" at "Mausam Bhawan" Lodhi Road, New Delhi, is the first of its kind artistic initiative in the country to enhance public awareness about meteorology and climate science. It reflects a vibrant visual narrative of India's meteorological advancements, history, and the impact of weather on society. It has a series of reminders and warnings, as well as do's and don'ts, in certain weather-related situations – including heavy rainfall, heatwaves, cyclones, thunderstorms, etc. Similar artistic initiatives are not currently in plan.
- (b)-(c) The ministry has been working continuously to integrate weather science awareness programs into school and college curriculum by promoting courses and special lectures in meteorology, climatology, disaster risk vulnerability of India, preparedness, and management. It includes talks, chapters about severe weather events (cyclones, thunderstorms, heavy rainfall, etc.), frequently asked questions (FAQs), related safety preparedness with do's and don'ts, and all safety steps to be followed before and during such disasters. It also promotes Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials prepared by the India Meteorological Department (IMD), National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), etc.. It also spreads awareness through posters, leaflets, brochures, and social media posts.
