

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
LOKSABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1080
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, 26TH JULY, 2023**

INSTALLATION OF SEISMOLOGY CENTRES

†1080. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been an increase in the cases of natural disasters in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to open more seismology centres across the country to improve the process of real time data monitoring and data collection; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES
(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)**

- (a) The present state of knowledge about earthquakes in and around the country, does not show any definite pattern in frequency of earthquake occurrences which could suggest any increase in earthquake activity. However, during the recent years, seismic monitoring in the country has been improved considerably and even the lower magnitude earthquakes are automatically detected and disseminated quickly through National Centre for Seismology (NCS) website, Mobile App and other social media. It is perhaps giving the impression of enhanced earthquake activity in the country, which was otherwise not noticed earlier.
- (b) and (c) Yes Sir. The expansion of seismological network is one of the routine activities of NCS, which is an attached office of the Ministry of Earth Sciences and is nodal agency of Government of India, for earthquake monitoring in the country. At present a total of 153 observatories of the National Seismological Network are operational throughout the country for monitoring of seismic activity in and around India.
