GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1569 TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 04, 2015

DOPPLER RADARS

1569. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has installed Doppler Weather Radars (DWRs) and new meteorological types of radars in the country to strengthen weather forecasting mechanism and if so, the details thereof, location and State-wise;
- (b) whether Government proposes to instal DWRs in various States;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such radars are likely to be installed along with the location(s) identified therefor; and
- (d) whether any security threat to these radars has been pointed out by the Ministry of Home Affairs and if so, the details thereof and the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER MINISTER FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a) Yes, Madam. Details of Doppler Weather Radar (DWR) installed in the country, location-wise & state-wise, till date are given below.

| S.No. | Name of Station | State |
|-------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1 | Chennai | Tamil Nadu |
| 2 | Kolkata | West Bengal |
| 3 | Machilippatnam | Andhra Pradesh |
| 4 | Visakhapatnam | Andhra Pradesh |
| 5 | Sriharikota | Andhra Pradesh |
| 6 | Delhi (Palam) | Delhi |
| 7 | Hyderabad | Telangana |
| 8 | Nagpur | Maharashtra |
| 9 | Agartala | Tripura |
| 10 | Patna | Bihar |
| 11 | Lucknow | Uttar Pradesh |
| 12 | Patiala | Punjab |
| 13 | Mohanbari | Assam |
| 14 | Bhopal | Madhya Pradesh |
| 15 | New Delhi (HQ) | Delhi |
| 16 | Jaipur | Rajasthan |
| 17 | Mumbai | Maharashtra |

| S.No. | Name of Station | State |
|-------|-----------------|------------|
| 18 | Paradip | Orissa |
| 19 | Karaikal | Tamil Nadu |
| 20 | Goa | Goa |
| 21 | Bhuj | Gujarat |
| 22 | Kochi | Kerala |
| 23 | Gopalpur | Orissa |
| 24 | Srinagar | J&K |

The following DWRs are under various stages of commissioning.

- (b-c) In a phased manner, the expansion of the DWR network to cover the whole country needs to be taken up as sustenance of such country wide networks demands augmentation of massive infrastructure (land/office/line of sight elevated tower), support service systems (power/cooling/water/spares & services/ operating frequency clearance/security clearance, manpower availability/deployment to remote areas etc.) across various states/UTs.
- (d) No, Madam.

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