GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES **RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. - 1780** ANSWERED ON – 17/03/2022

AIR QUALITY TESTING APPLICATION

1780. SHRI M.V.SHREYAMS KUMAR:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Meteorological Department has started any application to enhance the awareness among common public regarding the hazardous effects of air pollution and to enable the citizens to test air quality;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the name of the cities where the facility is presently available; and
- (c) plans to extend the facility to other parts of the country?

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

- (a) India Meteorological Department (IMD) issues Air Quality Forecast Bulletin and generate air quality forecast products and upload the same on IMD website for the knowledge of general public and air pollution control authorities. Currently, the air quality forecast products are generated and provided for Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Ahmedabad, Pune, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Lucknow, Varanasi, Patna and Bhopal.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Does not arise.
