

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to solve the water problem in the drought prone areas by way of cloud seeding ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government have proposed any scheme to create a man -made whether office for making artificial rainfall in the water parched areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof ? and
- (e) if not, the reasons thereof ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) to (e) No sir. No Scheme has been formulated to solve the water problem in the drought prone areas by way of cloud seeding. Many countries including india, have carried out experiments in cloud seeding but these are only at the research stage. There is no proven method of creating artificial rain through cloud seeding, particularly in the tropical regions where there are warm clouds.