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MODERNISATION OF THE METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT

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

(a) whether the Government propose to modernize the Indian Meteorological Department to improve forecasting of weather;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and (

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Several initiatives for improving observational and forecasting capabilities have been undertaken. These initiatives include a dedicated meteorological satellite Kalpana-I, installation of Doppler Weather Radars in coastal areas and improvements in numerical weather prediction techniques.