

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA**

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CLOUD SEEDING OPERATIONS
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in order to overcome the impact of continued droughts for years together in certain parts of the country, cloud seeding operations are proposed to be undertaken, jointly or severally by different States ;
- (b) whether the Government has received proposals from various State Governments in this regard ;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

- (a) India Meteorological Department (IMD) does not propose to undertake cloud seeding in the near future.
- (b) No proposal from any state Governments has been received regarding Cloud Seeding Operations in IMD.
- (c)&(d) Does not arise.