

- (ii) Physics and Dynamics of Tropical Clouds (PDTC)
- (iii) Atmospheric Research Testbeds (ART) for process studies and National Climate Reference Network (NCRN)
- (iv) Metro Air Quality and Weather Service (MAQWS)
- (d) No MoU has been signed with foreign countries in this regard.
- (e) Does not arise.

Procurement of supercomputers for weather forecasting

1121. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government intends to procure two supercomputers for improved weather forecasting, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the details of the capacity and cost of these supercomputers and details of the improvements over the two existing supercomputers?

THE MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (DR. HARSH VARDHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. A high level committee is formed to look at the computing needs of the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) institutes.

- (b) Capacities and configurations of the systems to be procured will be recommended by the high level committee and after receiving the recommendations appropriate decision will be taken.

**Guidelines for relief measures to farmers under
natural calamities**

1122. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether guidelines have been issued by Government and RBI for extending relief measures including interest free loans and new crop loans to farmers affected by drought and other natural calamities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Banks are presently extending relief measures to the farmers of drought affected Maharashtra, particularly in Vidarbha and Marathwada regions under these guidelines; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, bank-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?