

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. - 4022  
ANSWERED ON – 07/04/2022

**LAND OBTAINED FOR IMD**

4022. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government had obtained certain piece/parcel of land from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for setting up Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) in the year 2018;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the terms and conditions on which the above piece/parcel of land was received;
- (c) whether the Ministry has utilized the piece/parcel of land that had been allotted by the State Government for the purpose for which the same was sought; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

- (a) Yes Sir. The Ministry had obtained certain piece/parcel of land from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for setting up a new Meteorological Centre to look after the operational and administrative requirement of Andhra Pradesh in the year 2018.
- (b) The Government has issued orders vide G.O.146 MA & UD (CRDA.2) Department Dt. 08.05.2018 provisionally allotting land of Ac.1.00 cts to IMD on lease hold basis @ lease premium for Rs. 1.00 crore per acre for a period of 60 years and a nominal lease rental @ Rs.1 /- per sqmtr per annum for setting up of meteorological centre and residential space in capital city Amaravati. IMD was also requested to pay GST @ 18% on lease premium and lease rentals.
- (c)-(d) The proposed capital city area is yet to be developed. Till now the basic infrastructures like roads, street lights, power supply, water and sewage connections, public transportation, central govt/state govt general pool accommodation for officers/staff etc. are yet to be completed. Hence the construction of office building for MC Amaravati will be delayed till the capital city area is developed.

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