

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2199
ANSWERED ON 21/12/2023

AGREEMENT OF IMD WITH GOOGLE ASIA PRIVATE LIMITED

2199. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:

Will the Minister of **Earth Sciences** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has entered into an agreement with Google Asia Private Limited, in September 2021, for sharing of cyclone related advisories and prediction of location specific rainfall;
- (b) if so, the details of the agreement;
- (c) whether NaviC is of any use for the above purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES
(SHRI KIREN RIJU)

- (a)-(b) Yes Sir. Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has an agreement with Google Asia Pvt. Ltd. for the prediction of location specific rainfall only and not for the cyclone related advisories.
- (c)-(d) No Sir. Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) and IMD, under the Ministry of Earth Sciences are providing the ocean information and advisory services by generating daily bulletins for ocean state forecast like High Wave Alerts, early warnings of Tsunami and Cyclone Alerts etc. The NavIC messaging service is used to broadcast this information and alerts to the fishermen who are at the remote places where cellular or internet-based communication are difficult to reach.
