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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.439
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD FEBRUARY, 2017

EARLY WARNING SYSTEM IN HIGH ALTITUDE AREAS

439. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE रक्षा मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an Early Warning System (EWS) has been installed in high altitude areas, where soldiers are susceptible to avalanches and extreme weather conditions that often result in loss of life;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of locations in which EWS is being used;
- (c) whether the Government has taken measures to improve existing technology or reinstate newer technology to detect and enhance readings of extreme weather conditions; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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(a) & (b): For avalanche warning, 56 High Altitude Observatories and 55 Automatic Weather Stations have been set up by DRDO in Uttarakhand, Himachal and J&K. Further, mountain weather and avalanche related forecast specific for Army personnel is drawn by DRDO from its five Avalanche Mitigation Centres.

(c) & (d): Presently, DRDO is working on four projects to develop new technologies for more accurate prediction of avalanches.
