

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 849
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2018**

SAFAR

849. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to expand the system of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research (SAFAR) in cities with high level of pollution other than Delhi;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to introduce a street-level weather and pollution forecasting system to ensure effective response to pollution throughout the nation; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
(SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY)**

- (a) and (b) No Madam. MoES has already expanded the SAFAR system in 3 more cities viz. Pune, Mumbai and Ahmedabad. MoES does not have any plan for extension to other cities. MoES is extending the work to upgrade the existing system in research mode to study the air quality and to improve the forecasting skill of air quality.**
- (c) No Madam.**
- (d) Does not arise.**
