

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.818**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019**

**ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL SPACE AGENCY**

**818. SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE:**

**Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Asia Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum has recommended that the established space agencies in the region should promote space applications, including rice crop monitoring, global rainfall monitoring, fire hotspot, haze monitoring and disaster management;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the areas ISRO has been concentrating as far as the above said areas mentioned by Asia Pacific Regional Space Agency are concerned?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG &  
PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE  
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):**

**(a) & (b)**

**Yes Sir. Space Applications Working Group, one of the four Working Groups of Asia Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF), has recommended to further promote space applications in the region, including rice crop monitoring,**

**global rainfall monitoring, fire hotspot, haze monitoring and disaster management, at the 24<sup>th</sup> session of APRSAF held at Bengaluru in November 2017.**

- (c) Indian Space Reseach Organisation (ISRO) carries out space applications in the above said areas primarily in the Indian region, while also supporting the Asia Pacific region with Indian satellite data and products.**

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