

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2382**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2022**

**SETTING UP NESAC**

**2382. MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has established North Eastern Space Applications Centre (NESAC) as a joint initiative of Department of Space (DoS) and the North Eastern Council (NEC) to provide advanced space technology support;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to setup such centre in West Bengal for national development and societal benefits as public-good space applications keeping in mind of different catastrophic tropical weather forecasts; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC  
GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE**

**(DR. JITENDRA SINGH):**

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**(a) & (b) Yes Sir.**

**North Eastern Space Applications Centre (NESAC) was established on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2000 as a joint initiative of the Department of Space (DoS) and the North Eastern Council (NEC), at Shillong in Meghalaya, and is a society registered under the Meghalaya Societies Registration Act, 1983.**

**NESAC provides Space based support to the eight states of the North Eastern Region (NER) on the use of space science and technology for Natural resources management; infrastructure & developmental planning; disaster management support and satellite communication applications in education, health care and disaster management. NESAC is also engaged in research on space & atmospheric science and in establishing necessary instrumentation hub, and networking with various academic institutions of NER. Capacity building in the field of geospatial technology is also carried out by NESAC, benefiting officials, professionals, students, and researchers.**

**(c) & (d)**

**Regional Remote Sensing Centre- East (RRSC-E), one of the regional arms of National Remote Sensing Centre; Hyderabad (NRSC; Hyderabad)/ DoS, established at Kolkata, West Bengal, supports the eastern region, including West-Bengal, through space applications as public-good service for societal benefits in the domains of natural resources management, governance, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction. Space based inputs are also enabled by ISRO/ Department of Space for weather forecast/ advisory services by India Meteorological Department (IMD)/ MoES.**

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