GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 6363 TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017

REGIONAL CLIMATE SERVICES

6363. SHRI ANIL SHIROLE:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Regional Climate Services set up so far in the country, State/UT-wise including in Maharashtra;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to develop an Advanced Regional Climate Services Framework across the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of the funds likely to be sanctioned and target set in this regard; and
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be developed?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES

(SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY)

(a) India Meteorological Department (IMD) is the nodal Government agency responsible for providing operational weather and climate services required for the country.

For providing region-wise weather and climate services, , there are 6 Regional Meteorological Centres (RMCs) with headquarters at Chennai, Mumbai, Nagpur, New Delhi, Kolkata, & Guwahati.

Under each RMC, there is State Meteorological Centers (MC) in each of the state capitals.

The RMCs and MCs provide basic climate services like climatological and extreme weather and climate information, agromet advisories etc and other service products disseminated from office to Climate Research & Services (CRS), IMD, Pune.

CRS carries out many India specific specialized climate related activities like Climate Monitoring and Analysis, Climate Prediction (Seasonal Forecasts), Climate Data Management, Climate Research and Climate Applications.

- (b-c) CRS is made functional to roll out climate services. Various groups have been created under CRS to render specific climate services activities in a gradual manner.
- (d-e) The climate services activity was a part continuing activities from 12th plan and will be supported for rendering all necessary service delivery during the current planning period (2017-20).
