

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 248**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019

**AGRO METEOROLOGICAL ADVISORIES**

248. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of farmers receiving agro meteorological advisories is still small as compared to the total number of farmers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the actual number of farmers receiving such awareness about the agro met services, State-wise; and
- (c) the types of action taken by the Government to increase the number of farmers so as to benefit them from meteorological advisories and enhance dissemination through various media and the financial implication of the Government for the last three years in this regard?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b): 5.13 crore farmers are receiving agro meteorological advisories through m-kisan portal (<https://mkisan.gov.in>). State-wise details regarding number of farmers registered on m-kisan portal for receiving agro advisories including meteorological advisories are at Annexure.

(c): 25 centres of All India Coordinated Research Project on Agrometeorology (AICRPAM) located in State Agriculture Universities, distributed across the country have made efforts to issue Agromet advisories through Radio, TV, Newspapers etc. in local languages. Agromet bulletins to Line Departments of various state Governments are also distributed by the AICRPAM. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and India Meteorological Department (IMD) have jointly planned to augment the Agromet Advisory System (AAS) network to sub-district (block) level. Under this plan, 200 Krishi Vigyan Kendras including the 110 Aspirational districts have been identified for setting up of District Agro-Met Units (DAMUs) to provide Agromet services to farmers. The initial fund of Rs. 2.4 cr. (@ Rs.1.2 lakh per unit) has been sanctioned for establishing the required facilities to start the advisory services.

Further, several awareness campaigns have been undertaken to encourage farmers to register themselves on m-kisan portal and receive crop and weather specific advisories. Many farmers have been registered through Kisan Call Centre also. Farmers can call and get themselves registered for receiving crop advisories. Extension workers have also played an important role in increasing the registration of farmers. They explain the process of registration and benefits of getting registered to the farmers thereby helping farmers to receive crop and weather based advisories. Expenditure of Rs.26,31,73,386/- has been incurred during the last

three years i.e. 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18, on sending advisories through SMS to farmers registered on mkisan portal.

Annexure

State / UT	Number of Registered farmers (as on 31.01.2019)
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	11958
ANDHRA PRADESH	5752529
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1868
ASSAM	97205
BIHAR	1019236
CHANDIGARH	467
CHHATTISGARH	1880438
DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI	1212
DAMAN AND DIU	54
DELHI	24561
GOA	23555
GUJARAT	1226272
HARYANA	1265338
HIMACHAL PRADESH	741156
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	229889
JHARKAND	886639
KARNATAKA	674794
KERALA	1100412
LAKSHADWEEP	17
MADHYA PRADESH	2468618
MAHARASHTRA	7034111
MANIPUR	2654
MEGHALAYA	5491
MIZORAM	4524
NAGALAND	26615
ODISHA	3224545
PUDUCHERRY	10531
PUNJAB	684884
RAJASTHAN	2978197
SIKKIM	25950
TAMIL NADU	1441467
TELANGANA	2816785
TRIPURA	41025
UTTAR PRADESH	13545343
UTTARAKHAND	210761
WEST BENGAL	1901920

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