

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1640  
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2023**

**EARTH OBSERVATION COUNCIL**

1640. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:  
SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is proposing to create/formulate an “Earth Observation Council” for addressing the current deficiencies in earth observation capabilities and data utilization to be used for supporting agricultural activities across the country;
- (b) if so, the details of deficiencies the department has evaluated; and
- (c) the details of the formation of the Council?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES  
(SHRI KIREN RIJU)**

- (a) No Sir. Planning Committee on Space Applications Management System (PC-SAMS) is already in place to assess the requirements of Earth Observation data, demand/gap and its utilization for applications across varied sectors.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Does not arise.

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