

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1390
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11/02/2020

RE-CLASSIFICATION OF AGRO-CLIMATIC ZONES

1390. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:

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

- (a) whether the Government is reconsidering the classification of the country's agro-climatic zones;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard keeping in view significant changes and a definite shift in temperature and rainfall pattern across the country?

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THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): There is no such proposal at present in this regard since classification of country's Agro-Climatic Zones is a subject area of Department of Earth Sciences. Study has been carried out by India Meteorological Department (IMD) and Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) considering trends and spatial/temporal variability of temperature, rainfall, rainy days, and heavy rainfall in different agro-climatic zones of the country, which indicated need for reconsideration of classification of agro-climatic zones in India under the scenario of observed climate changes in the country.

(c) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has initiated National Innovation on Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) in 2011 to develop and demonstrate agricultural practices with regard particularly to climate change.
