

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3687
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 2024**

AGROMET ADVISORY SERVICES

3687. DR. T SUMATHY ALIAS THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of agromet advisory services in the country;
- (b) whether the Government plans to privatise District Agro Meteorology Units (DAMUs) as suggested by NITI Aayog;
- (c) if so, the details of specific studies or data which were considered by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether any impact assessment studies are being carried out by the Government to understand the implication of this on small farmers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
AND EARTH SCIENCES
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

- (a)–(d) The India Meteorological Department (IMD) is rendering the weather forecast-based agro-advisory services to farmers under the Gramin Krishi Mausam Sewa (GKMS) Project through the existing 130 Agrometeorological Field Units (AMFUs) in collaboration with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), State Agricultural Universities (SAUs), Indian Institute of Technology (IITs), etc. The AMFUs prepare agro-advisories for their respective districts and disseminate the same through various modes, including mass media, mobile App, SMS, etc.
- (e) Does not arise.
