

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6208
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, 1ST APRIL, 2026**

DISTRICT AGRO-METEOROLOGICAL (AGRO-MET) UNITS

6208. SHRI APPALANAIDU KALISETTI:
DR. BYREDDY SHABARI:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that several District Agro-Meteorological Units are presently non operational or have been closed and if so, the details thereof, State and district-wise including Andhra Pradesh along with the reasons therefor;
- (b) the details of the number of units currently active, State-wise and district-wise particularly for Andhra Pradesh along with estimated number of farmers/beneficiaries served by such units;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to revive or re-establish such District Agro Meteorological Units and if so, the details thereof including timelines and the number of units proposed, State and district-wise particularly in Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) the details of the funds allocated, sanctioned and released for establishing or re-establishing such units during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise; and
- (e) whether specific districts have been identified for prioritised revival and if so, the details thereof along with the target dates and implementation plans particularly in Andhra Pradesh?

ANSWER

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

- (a)-(c) Weather-based agro-advisory services in the country were being provided by 199 District Agro-Meteorological Units (DAMUs) under Gramin Krishi Mausam Sewa (GKMS). The India Meteorological Department (IMD) is continuing the Agro-Meteorological services to the farmers at the district level through a network of 130 Agrometeorological Field Units (AMFUs), established in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) across the country, including 9 units in Andhra Pradesh. The relevant information and advisories are disseminated through digital platforms such as Panchayat Mausam Sewa, Mausam App, Meghdoot App, and other IT-based dissemination systems in the larger interest of farmers across the country. The Ministry is in continuous endeavour of augmenting the observational network, including Agro-Automatic Weather Stations and R&D infrastructure, towards achieving better accuracy in weather forecasting and improved meteorological services.
- (d) The year-wise details of the funds released in the last five years are provided in Annexure-1.

- (e) The Agro-Meteorological Services at the district level are provided by IMD in association with the agencies such as the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, through 9 AMFUs, established in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendras in the State of Andhra Pradesh, without the re-establishment of DAMUs.

Annexure-1

Year-wise details of the funds released in the last five years are as follows:

S. No.	Name of ATARIs	Name of States covered	2021-22 (₹)	2022-23 (₹)	2023-24 (₹)	2024-25 (₹)	2025-26 (₹)
1	Bengaluru	Karnataka, Kerala & Lakshadweep	9254599	32722894	20416360	6000000	6460154
2	Jabalpur	Chhattisgarh & Madhya Pradesh	9862072	25068960	29348345	13500000	11067598
3	Kolkata	Andaman, Nicobar Islands, Odisha & West Bengal	8506019	20417149	19140225	19200000	10020378
4	Pune	Maharashtra, Gujarat & Goa	12987052	50223889	26796315	23000000	20083002
5	Patna	Bihar & Jharkhand	12461220	19594891	24244285	13500000	9175245
6	Kanpur	Uttar Pradesh	9363194	27136360	16588195	13800000	10266268
7	Jodhpur	Haryana, Delhi & Rajasthan	11068022	18016354	30624360	17600000	12569897
8	Ludhiana	Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh and, Uttarakhand	6355604	9525564	17864210	4090880	4346122
9	Barapani	Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland & Tripura	6236116	18277855	8932105	6000000	6541636
10	Guwahati	Assam, Arunachal Pradesh & Sikkim	11103136	53559073	15312180	6000000	4475429
11	Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu & Telangana	12802966	35457011	35728420	0	0
		Total	110000000	310000000	244995000	122690880	95005729
