

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6588
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AUTOMATIC WEATHER STATIONS RAIN GAUGE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has constituted any Committee for preparation of guidelines for setting up of Automatic Weather Stations and Automatic Rain Gauge across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said Committee has submitted its draft report to the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has accepted the recommendations/suggestions made by the Committee; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) to (f): In compliance to one of the recommendations of evaluation study of Pilot Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS) conducted by Agricultural Finance Corporation Ltd. in 2010, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has constituted a Committee for preparation of guidelines for setting up of Automatic Weather Stations (AWSs) and Automatic Rain Gauges (ARGs) comprising Chairman-cum-Managing Director of Agriculture Insurance Company of India Ltd. (AIC) and representatives of Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) & National Collaterals Management Services Ltd. (NCMSL). Draft interim report has been submitted by the Committee has been circulated among the concerned agencies/Departments including State Governments for their views and comments.