

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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WEATHER STATIONS AT KVKs  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of the Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in which weather stations have been established by the Indian Meteorological Department, State and year-wise; and

(b) the measures taken by the Government to constantly update weather information to farmers to enable them to improve their agricultural production?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE & FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a) The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has established weather stations in 87 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs). The State-wise and KVK-wise details along-with year of establishment of these weather stations are given in Annexure-I.

(b) The measures taken by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research include, creating a network of 100 Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) in the selected KVKs and State Agricultural Universities under The National Initiative on Climatic Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) project; hosting of a dedicated website ([www.aicrpam-nicra-aws.in](http://www.aicrpam-nicra-aws.in)) for continuous online monitoring of instant weather data across locations; preparation and dissemination of micro level weather-based agro-advisories to farmers by 25 centres of The All India Coordinated Research Project on Agro-Meteorology (AICRPAM) located in 25 Agricultural Universities. Besides, weather information and related agro-advisories are provided to farmers by KVKs through Kisan Mobile Advisory messages, Radio & TV programmes and news papers. Further, The Meteorological Department also issues weather forecasts at district level.