

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AGRO AND TROPICAL METEOROLOGY
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated by the Government for study of Agro- meteorology in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the details of funds spent by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune on research and development;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up research institute for Agro- meteorology and start an Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology in Chennai; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

- (a) Under the scheme "Gramin Krishi Mausam Sewa (GKMS)" implemented by Ministry of Earth Sciences -India Meteorological Department (MoES-IMD) grants are released to 130 Agromet Field Units (AMFUs) located at State Agricultural Universities (SAUs), institutes of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and IITs etc. in 27 states in the country for agromet content development, preparation and dissemination of district level Agrometeorological Advisory Service (AAS) bulletins. An amount of Rs. 8.71 crores has been released to these institutes in these states to implement the scheme. Statewise details of funds allocated in FY 2014-2015 under GKMS scheme by IMD is given in Annexure-I.
- (b) An amount of Rs. 79.83 crores is spent for research and development by Earth System Science Organization-Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (ESSO-IITM) during the current financial year.
- (c) No
- (d) Does not arise.