

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2552  
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 03, 2018**

**IMD CENTRES**

**2552. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:  
SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:**

**Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the farmers in Karnataka and other States are facing uncertainty over sowing operation due to lack of accuracy in weather forecasting;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal seeking to establish a full-fledged regional India Meteorological Department (IMD) centre in Karnataka and in Mangalagiri in Andhra Pradesh;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the number of IMD centres functioning as on date, State and location-wise; and**
- (e) the present status of the proposal for setting up IMD centre in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND  
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES  
(SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY)**

- (a)-(b) No Madam. The Gramin Krishi Mausam Seva (GKMS) of India Meteorological Department (IMD) is rendered twice a week in collaboration with State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) and Institutions of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). District level weather forecast for next 5- days in respect of : Rainfall, maximum temperature, minimum temperature, wind speed, wind direction, relative humidity and clouds, weekly cumulative rainfall forecast and crop specific agro meteorological advisories are provided to farmers. The GKMS of IMD has been successful in providing the crop specific agro meteorological advisories in vernacular languages to about 22 million farmers in the country.**
- (c)-(e) IMD has taken a decision to set up a Centre at Mangalagiri in Andhra Pradesh. Joint efforts are undertaking with Government of Andhra Pradesh to identify suitable land in the surrounding zone of planned Greenfield airport at Manglagiri. Karnataka State has already a Meteorological Centre functioning at Bengaluru to cater to the weather services for the state.**

**At present, Meteorological Centre, Hyderabad cater to the weather services for the state of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Besides this, Cyclone Warning Centre at Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) is providing cyclone warnings.**

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