

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. - 30
ANSWERED ON 20/07/2023

DELAY IN ESTABLISHMENT OF DAMUs

30. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:
SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN:

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

- (a) the funds allocated and utilized by Government for setting up of District Agro-Meteorological Units (DAMUs), year-wise since 2018;
- (b) whether there has been a delay in setting up of DAMUs;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether Government has any plans to enhance coordination and collaboration between its departments and stakeholders to minimise delays and maximize the impact of its flagship schemes?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR EARTH SCIENCES
(SHRI KIREN RIJU)

- (a) The year-wise details of funds released to Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) for establishment of District Agro-Meteorological Units (DAMUs) under Gramin Krishi Mausam Sewa (GKMS) follows:

S. No.	Financial year	Funds Released (in crores)	Expenditure incurred (in crores)
1	2017-18	2.40	0.0
2	2018-19	7.60	2.73
3	2019-20	13.87	10.74
4	2020-21	4.00	15.03
5	2021-22	11.00	19.49
6	2022-23	31.00	29.05 (as per provisional UC)

- (b) - (c) No Sir. India Meteorological Department (IMD) has already established a total number of 199 DAMUs in the country till date.
- (d) In pursuance of the revised procedure for flow of funds under Central Sector Schemes, introduced by the Department of Expenditure (DoE), Ministry of Finance (MoF); Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) has operationalized a revised procedure for fund flow in Atmospheric & Climate Research – Modeling Observing Systems & Services (ACROSS) scheme. IMD, MoES is coordinating regularly with ICAR, Department of Expenditure (DoE) and The Public Financial Management System (PFMS) to minimize delays and maximize the performance of the scheme.
