

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1005  
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, MARCH 05, 2018**

**OPENING OF OFFICES OF METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT**

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

- (a) by when would the Government be able to implement its scheme to open Meteorological offices in each district of the country to ensure that farmers easily get accurate information about weather;**
- (b) total amount that is estimated to be spent on this scheme for establish of centres of Meteorological Department in every district of the country;**
- (c) whether Government is considering or has already considered to fix any time limit to establish them completely in the entire country; and**
- (d) if so, details thereof ?**

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Sir, Under Gramin Krishi Mausam Sewa (GKMS), District Agro-Met Units (DAMUs) will be established at Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in each district in collaboration with ICAR to implement district level Agromet Advisory Services during 2017-20.**
- (b) An amount of Rs. 190 Crores has been earmarked to implement the scheme.**
- (c)&(d) In addition to existing 130 Agromet Field Units (AMFUs) which will act as DAMUs for the districts of their location, 530 DAMUs will be established in a phased wise manner. The network of DAMUs will be extended to cover all the districts by March 2020.**

**Year wise number of DAMUs to be established in KVKs**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of DAMUs to be established</b>
<b>Phase I</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>Phase II</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>330</b>

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