

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1601
TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017**

SETTING UP OF WEATHER FORECASTING STATIONS

1601. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has decided to set up weather forecasting stations in 600 districts of the country, further to be taken down to block levels;**
- (b) whether in the first phase of the proposal IMD has shortlisted around 130 districts;**
- (c) whether the Krishi Vigyan Kendras under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) have been identified as the possible locations for the proposed weather forecasting stations; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

- (a-d) No Sir. India Meteorological Department (IMD) has not decided to set up weather stations in 600 districts of the country. However IMD is implementing District level Agro- Meteorological Advisory Services in Collaboration with Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR). Starting from existing 130 districts, the district level Agro- Meteorological Services will be gradually increased to sub districts in a phased manner.**
