

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2406

TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2017

SETTING UP OF MAUSAM KENDRAS

2406. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to establish Mausam Kendras in about 660 districts in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the objective thereof;
- (c) the number of such Kendras presently functioning in the country particularly in Odisha;
- (d) the number of Kendras, out of the above, so far, set up and the time by which all the Kendras would be established; and
- (e) the total expenditure likely to be incurred on setting up of these Kendras?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND

MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES

(SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY)

- (a-b) No Sir. India Meteorological Department (IMD) has not decided to set up Mausam Kendras in 660 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 AgroMeteorological Services will be gradually increased to all the 660 districts in a phased manner.
- (c-d) At present there are 10 (Bhawanipatna, Bhubaneswar, Ranital, Keonjhar, Mahisapat, G. Udaigiri, Keirei, Chiplima, Similiguda and Malkangiri) Agro Meteorological Field Units (AMFUs) functioning in Odisha.
- (f) Total expenditure at 10 AMFUs in Odisha has been Rs 1,07,16,417/- for the year 2016-17.

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