

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURE EXTENSION
ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Agriculture Extension Centres set up in each State, during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Union Government have a proposal to set up some Agriculture Extension Centres with the World Bank assistance; and
- (c) if so, the number of such centers proposed to be set up in the country particularly in Orissa during 2000-2001?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a): No such Agricultural Extension Centres have been set up. However, 261 Krishi Vigyan Kendras and 188 Farmers' Training Centres have been imparting training to the farmers.

(b): No, Sir. However, forty Agricultural Technology Information Centres (ATICs) at State Agricultural Universities/ Institutes of Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Farmers Information and Advisory Centres (FIACs) at block level in pilot districts of six States namely, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa and Punjab are being established under the World Bank assisted National Agricultural Technology Project. Besides, the existing Zonal Agricultural Research Stations (ZARSs) are proposed to be strengthened to take up the additional functions of Krishi Vigyan Kendras in 53 districts in the country where there is no Krishi Vigyan Kendra under the same project with the support from World Bank.

(c): Ten FIACs and one ATIC are proposed to be established in Orissa during 2000-2001. In addition, two existing Zonal Agricultural Research Stations are proposed to be strengthened to take up the additional functions of Krishi Vigyan Kendras in Bhadrak and Navarangpur districts.