

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3588

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KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRAS

JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV;RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY;SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK;UTTAMRAO DEORAO PATIL

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to increase the number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras during the year 2001-2002;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether proposals relating to the opening of New Krishi Vigyan Kendras are pending with the Government;
- (d) the number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras in the country;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to open such Kendras particularly in remaining districts, backward areas and hilly regions of the country; and
- (f) the criteria laid down by the Government for the opening of Krishi Vigyan Kendras?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a), (b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has a proposal for establishment of 66 new Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) including 19 districts of North Eastern Hill Region besides 47 in other parts of the country during 2001-2002.

(d) & (e): At present, there are 261 KVKs in the Country. The ICAR has also strengthened the existing Zonal Agricultural Research Stations (ZARS) to take up the additional functions of KVK in 53 districts. The establishment of KVKs in the remaining districts shall depend on the availability of commensurate resources.

(f) The criteria for opening of new KVK include its location as far as possible in the central part of a district, availability of land and municipal facilities, viability of organization, and technological support for implementing the activities of a KVK.