

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SCHEMES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have formulated any scheme to reintroduce extension services to improve farming in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government contemplate to set-up District Agriculture Training Centres for the farmers and provide assistance and support by giving funds through a special programme for the activities related to the extension work;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b) Agricultural extension being a state subject the Central Government supplements the States efforts. Steps taken by the Central Government to strengthen extension services in Uttar Pradesh include the following :

- Supporting training and capacity building programmes for senior extension functionaries of the State Government in the areas of agriculture technology and extension methodology.
- Promoting farm information programmes which include organisation of exhibitions, kisan melas, all India fruit and vegetable shows and dissemination of information through print media.
- Strengthening extension services by way of training, result demonstrations, study tours, etc. to farm women groups under women in Agriculture Scheme.
- Improving research-extension-farmer linkages, promoting farmer-scientists Interactions and farmers study tours to Agriculture Universities, Research Institutes and other places of excellence.
- Involving selected Non-Governmental Organisations in technology dissemination.
- Providing training and demonstration support to the farmers through 30 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the State Besides, 8 Zonal Agricultural Research Stations are proposed to be strengthened to take up the functions of KVKs in as many districts.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Question does not arise.

(e) Krishi Vigyan Kendras, State Agricultural Universities and training institutes under the State Government are already imparting training to the farmers.