

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have taken certain steps to make Krishi Vigyan Kendras contemporary;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has set up Agriculture Technology Management Agencies in States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, location-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): The Government have taken the following steps to make the Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) contemporary;

Providing a multidisciplinary team of subject matter specialists, infrastructural facilities, and instructional farm to facilitate `Teaching by doing and learning by doing`.

Provision of electronic connectivity to 200 KVKs during Xth Plan for availability of technology information to the farmers.

Providing Soil and Water Testing facilities to 326 KVKs during Xth Plan.

(c) & (d): The State Governments have set up Agriculture Technology Management Agencies (ATMA) in 234 districts. The State-wise details of ATMA districts are given in Annexure.