GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:552 ANSWERED ON:05.05.2008 KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRAS Patel Shri Kishanbhai Vestabhai;Renge Patil Shri Tukaram Ganpatrao

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras functioning at present in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to open more such Kendras;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose during 2006-07 and 2007-08;

(d) whether the Government also proposes to increase financial assistance being provided to these Kendras; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 552 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05/05/2008 REGARDING `KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRAS`

a) The number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) sanctioned in the country is 560 out of 589 approved. The State-wise details are given in Annexure-I.

(b) Of the remaining 29 districts, it has not been found feasible to establish KVKs in 8 districts due to non-availability of suitable land, inadequate farming population/area, and poor communication facilities. In the balance 21 districts, opening of KVKs will depend on receipt of proposal from suitable organization, sufficient area/population coverage, availability of suitable land for establishment and fulfillment of other requirement.

(c) The budgetary allocation for KVK scheme during 2006-07 and 2007-08 was Rs.287.00 crore and Rs.314.08 crore respectively.

(d) & (e): Against an allocation for KVKs of Rs.885.32 crore in the X Plan, the allocation in the XI Plan has been significantly enhanced to Rs.2051.98 crore.