

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRAS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) setup in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the allocation made and utilized by the KVKs during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the criteria fixed for opening KVKs;
- (d) the achievements made by these KVKs during the said period;
- (e) whether the Government has fixed any target to set up more KVKs especially in rural areas;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the allocation made for the purpose, State-wise; and
- (g) the expenditure incurred in setting up of KVKs during the current plan period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has established 577 Krishi Vigyan Kendras in the Country till date. The State-wise list is placed at Annexure-A.

(b): The allocation of funds made and utilized by Krishi Vigyan Kendras during each of the last three years and the current year State-wise is placed at Annexure-B.

(c): A decision regarding the sanctioning of a KVK is taken by the competent authority based on the recommendation made by a Site Selection Committee after visiting the sites of those organisations which mainly fulfill the basic requirement of ownership of about 20 ha. (50 acre) of well developed, contiguous, encumbrance-free and mortgageable land, located preferably in the central part of the district having easy accessibility and permanent source of water supply for drinking and irrigation purposes. Land should be in name of the Organisation.

(d): The KVK aims at assessment, refinement and demonstration of technology/products. The activities include on-farm testing to identify the location specificity of agricultural technologies under various farming systems, frontline demonstrations to establish the production potentials of improved agricultural technologies on the farmers' fields, and training of farmers and extension personnel to update their knowledge and skills. The details of the achievements made during the period under report are placed at Annexure-C.

(e): Yes, Madam.

(f): Ninety Krishi Vigyan Kendras are to be established by the Council by the end of XI Plan in the rural areas of the Country. The State-wise allocation made for these KVKs is placed at Annexure-D.

(g): The expenditure incurred so far in setting up of KVKs during the current plan period is Rs.2120.93 lakh.