

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION CENTRES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Agricultural Extension Centres in the country, State-wise; and
- (b) the details of the Agricultural Extension Centres proposed to be established, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a): Centres with the name `Agricultural Extension Centres` have not been set up in the Agricultural country. However, Technology Management Agency (ATMA) - an autonomous institution has been set up at the district level to ensure delivery of extension services to the farmers under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms`. 591 ATMAs have been set up so far in the country. Number of ATMAs set up in different States is given at Annexure-I. Moreover, in order to answer the queries of farmers through a nation-wide single toll free number, 25 Kisan Call Centres (KCCs) have been established at different locations in the country covering all States as per the list placed at Annexure-II.

(b): No `Agriculture Extension Centres` are proposed to be established in near future.