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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes/programmes launched by the Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) for creating awareness among the farmers during the last two years and the current year;
- (b) the number of farmers benefited therefrom;
- (c) whether the existing KVKs are inaccessible to the farmers; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the corrective steps taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) aims at technology assessment, refinement and demonstration of technology/products. In order to create awareness among farmers on improved agricultural technology, the KVKs organize a number of extension activities. During the last two years and the current year, the KVKs have organized 9.05 lakh extension activities with the participation of 29.03 lakh farmers. These activities include advisory services, diagnostic visits, field days, group discussions, kisan ghosthi, film shows, self-help group conveners meeting, kisan mela, exhibitions, scientists' visit to farmers' field, plant/animal health camps, farm science clubs, ex-trainees sammelan, farmers' seminar/workshop, method demonstrations, special day celebration, and exposure visits. Other important extension activities organized by the KVKs include, newspaper coverages, radio/TV talks and lectures, publication of extension literature and popular articles. The year-wise details of number of activities and number of farmers benefited during the last two years and the current year are given in the Annexure.

(c) Though some of the KVKs are remotely located in rural areas but these are not inaccessible to farmers.

(d) The Council has provided need based official vehicles to the KVKs to enable its Subject Matter Specialists to visit farmers field and conduct off-campus activities in the villages.