

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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E- TECHNOLOGY IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to implement e-technologies in the agriculture sector so as to educate and guide the farmers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Madam. The Government is already implementing quite a few e-Governance initiatives for various stake-holders in Agriculture.

(b): 1. Development of web portals

The objective of this initiative is to build a reservoir of data related to agriculture and development of web-enabled applications 80 portals /websites/applications have been developed and are under various stages of implementation. This includes DACNET, DAC website, DACNET INTRADAC ,SEEDNET, NHM, NFSM, RKVY and AGMARKNET.

2. Strengthening of IT Apparatus in Agriculture and Cooperation in the States and Union Territories (AGRISNET):

DAC is supporting e-Governance activities in the State agriculture and allied Departments through AGRISNET. Funds under AGRISNET are provided to the States/UT Governments on the basis of specific project proposals submitted by them. Services delivered under this project are States/UTs specific. So far, a sum of Rs. 6699.562 lakhs have been released to 23 States/UTs: AGRISNET envisages promotion of e-governance by use of Information and Communication Technology(ICT).

3. Kisan Call Centres:

The Kisan Call Centre (KCC) initiative aims to provide information to the farming community through toll-free telephone lines (telephone No. 18001801551). Under this scheme, call center facilities are extended to the farmers through 25 call centers located in different states so that farmers can get the information in their own languages.

4. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has provided e-connectivity to 192 Krishi Vigyan Kendras and 8 Zonal Project Directorates to link them with technology generating institutions including ICAR Institutes, Agricultural Universities and other Organizations having capability of technology backstopping to enable them to have access to the available technologies in Agriculture.

5. National e-Governance Plan in Agriculture:

In keeping with the government decision, the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is working towards a National e-Governance Plan in Agriculture (NeGP-A) with a view to promote focused and integrated implementation of e-Governance activities in agriculture. It has identified 12 clusters of priority services with numerous sub services. The Project has been approved by the steering committee on NeGP-A.