

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2279
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and location of Kisan Sahayata/Salah Kendras functioning in the country at present, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to open more such Kendras;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) the areas in the backward regions wherein such kendras are proposed to be opened, State-wise; and
- (e) the time by which the said Kendras are likely to start functioning?

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): Kisan Sahayata /Salah Kendras have not been established with such name under any Scheme of Ministry of Agriculture. Extension services to farmers are being provided through Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) at district level. At present 591 ATMAs and 589 KVKs are functioning in the country. At Block level ATMAs disseminate information and render other extension services through block level officers.

Under 'Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centre (ACABC)' Scheme, which has been functional since 2002, 22,498 graduates have been trained up to 31-10-2010. Among those trained, 8099 of them have established agri-ventures and are serving farmers by providing critical advice and quality inputs.

'Kisan Call Centers' (KCCs) run by the Government of India have been functioning since January 21, 2004. The total number of Call Centres has now increased to 25 at different locations covering farmers in all the States/UTs of the country. Location of these Centres and the States/UTs served by each Centre is annexed. These call centres function from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM on all days, throughout the year. Till October 2010, 55.75 lakh calls have been received in these call centres.

- (b): Not Applicable.
- (c): Not Applicable.
- (d): Not Applicable.
- (e): Not Applicable.