

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:360

ANSWERED ON:28.07.2009

KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRAS

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the criteria for opening Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country;
- (b) the number of districts in the country including Uttar Pradesh where KVKs have not been opened, State-wise; and
- (c) the time by which KVKs are likely to be opened in these districts?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 360 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28-07-2009 REGARDING 'KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRAS'

(a) The criteria for opening Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country is that the host Institute will provide about 20 ha good quality cultivable land preferably at central part of the district, easily accessible, contiguous, encumbrance free and mortgagable land with all other reasonable civic facilities having permanent source of water supply for drinking and irrigation purposes. Based on the proposals from a district, an expert team visits different sites and based on the relative merits makes recommendation to the council for the establishment of the KVK in a district.

(b) By the end of XI Plan, 667 Krishi Vigyan Kendra are to be established in the country and till date 568 KVKs have been already established. 99 KVKs are yet to be established in the country which includes five in Uttar Pradesh. The State-wise list of districts, where KVKs are yet to be established is given in Annexure-I.

(c) The KVKs in the remaining districts are envisaged to be opened during the XI Plan subject to the fulfillment of the prescribed criteria.