

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURE INFORMATION CENTRES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has setup agriculture information centres in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of their network and the locations where such centres have been setup, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government has given assistance to the State Governments for the purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details of assistance provided during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The Agriculture Technology Information Centres have been setup under the Innovations in Technology Dissemination (ITD) component of National Agricultural Technology Project (NATP). Forty four Agricultural Technology Information Centres (ATIC) were established with the financial support from National Agricultural Technology Project (NATP) of ICAR in various institutions including 28 State Agricultural Universities and 16 ICAR Research Institutes. In addition, three ATICs, one each by Anand Agricultural University, Navasari Agricultural University and Junagadh Agricultural University were established by the respective Universities on their own without any financial assistance from ICAR. The State-wise/ location wise list of ATICS is given at Annexure-I

(c): No assistance has been given to the State Governments.

(d): Not Applicable.