

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AGRO ADVISORY SERVICES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether agriculture advisory services are being provided in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any target has been fixed in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the target achieved during the current Five Year Period; and
- (e) the details of funds allocated and utilised for the said period so far?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The Agriculture Advisory Services in the country are being provided under various schemes of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation such as Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms (popularly known as ATMA Scheme), Kisan Call Centres (KCC), Agri-Clinics & Agri-Business Centres (ACABC), Mass Media Support to Agricultural Extension (MMSAE) and Diploma in Agricultural Extension Services for Input Dealers (DAESI). The details of these schemes are given at Annexure-I.

Indian Council of Agricultural Research is also providing need based agro advisories to farmers through their established network of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country which aim at assessment, refinement and demonstration of technology/products.

(c): There are no specific targets fixed for providing agriculture advisory services under these schemes.

(d): Not applicable.

(e): The scheme wise fund allocation and utilization is given at Annexure-II.