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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 'farmers first' is the latest motto for the Krishi Vigyan Kendras;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the manner in which the Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) are providing assistance to the farmers, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE & FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

- (a) Since beginning, the KVKs are working with farmers' perspective with the aim to update and demonstrate farm technologies in farmers' field.
- (b) The activities of KVKs for farmers' include on-farm trials and front-line demonstrations; training programmes to update their knowledge and skill and organizing extension activities to create awareness about improved agricultural technology; production of seed, planting material and livestock strains/fingerlings. In addition, selected KVKs test soil and water samples of farmers associated with their activities
- (c) KVKs are mandated to assess, refine and demonstrate technologies. As such the KVKs provide technical assistance to farmers through above activities, and by enabling the state extension machineries.