

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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FUNCTIONING OF KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRAS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is implementing any programmes to support the functioning of the Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras functioning in the country;
- (c) the budgetary allocations and expenditure incurred by the KVKs since 2005;
- (d) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is supporting the functioning of KVKs; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is implementing a plan scheme on Continuation, Strengthening and Establishment of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country.
- (b) The number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras functioning in the country is 611.
- (c) The budgetary allocations and expenditure incurred by the KVKs since 2005 is given in the Annexure.
- (d)&(e): The ICAR is providing 100 percent financial support to each KVK for pay of 16 staff, construction of office building, office vehicles, equipments and farm implements, trainees hostel, six residential apartments and two demonstrations units, besides provision of additional facilities like e-connectivity, soil and water testing, rain water harvesting structure, basic plant health diagnostic, portable carp hatchery, minimal processing and integrated farming system units in selected KVKs. The eight Zonal Project Directorates of ICAR are supporting the functioning of KVKs through Agricultural Universities and ICAR Research Institutes by providing technological backstopping and knowledge empowerment. In addition, the Directorates of Extension of multidisciplinary Agricultural Universities have been strengthened by providing funds for farmers, hostel, mobile diagnostic cum exhibition units, HRD support to KVKs and overseeing of KVK activities.