

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up Agriculture Information Centres in various States including Rajasthan for making the agriculture information system accessible to all;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the financial assistance provided by the Union Government to various State Governments during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam. However, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established 44 Agricultural Technology Information Centres(ATICs) in 28 Agricultural Universities and 16 ICAR Institutes in the country. Out of these, 3 ATICs are located in Rajasthan at Udaipur, Bikaner and Jodhpur. The ICAR has also created a network of 630 Krishi Vigyan Kendra in the country to facilitate farmers' access to agricultural technology generated by National Agricultural Research System (NARS).

The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing Kisan Call Centre(KCC) programme under which Agriculture related information is provided to the farmers in 22 regional languages through a countrywide common toll free number 1800-180-1551 covering all the States and Union-territory of India. The KCCs established at 13 locations in the country operate from 6.00 AM to 10.00 PM on all 365 days in a year. The Kisan Call Centre located in Jaipur (Rajasthan) caters to all the farmers of Rajasthan and Delhi States.

(b): State-wise details of Agricultural Technology Information Centres (ATICs) and KCCs are given at Annexure-I and II.

(c): Agricultural Information Technology Centers and Kisan Call Centers are not being funded through the states. Thus, no financial assistance has been provided to the State Governments by the Union Government during last three years and the current year for setting-up of Agriculture Information Centres.