

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF CENTRE AT PANCHAYAT LEVEL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has a proposal to establish centres at panchayat level to disseminate information pertaining to agriculture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which these centres are likely to be established?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam. However, an Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA) setup at district level and other extension personnel of the State Government deployed at District level & below disseminate information pertaining to agriculture in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendras, agri-entrepreneurs, private sector, NGOs etc. The extension workers deployed under ATMA at District & Block levels also tour down to Panchayat/village level. Kisan Call Centres and Print/electronic media supplement these efforts.

The Panchayats are being involved in implementation of farmer oriented extension activities particularly in selection of farmer friends and beneficiaries under the scheme.

(b) & (c): Question does not arise.