

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF AGRICULTURE INFORMATION CENTRES

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to set up agriculture information centres in each gram panchayat of the country including Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the time by which such centres are likely to be set up?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(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.