

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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LINKAGE FACILITY TO KVKs
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal regarding Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) has been approved by the Union Government to resolve the problems of the farmers in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the number of KVKs to which linkage facility has been provided so far in the country, State-wise;
- (c) whether work is not being done as per the requirement under the said scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for the farmers being deprived of this facility so far; and
- (e) the remedial steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) In order to reduce the time lag in technology application the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has set up a network of 631 Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in the country including 38 KVKs in Bihar. The KVK aims at assessment, refinement and demonstration of the technologies and products in farmers fields.

(b) to (e): As many as 623 KVKs have internet/electronic linkages, out of which 192 KVKs are having V-SAT based e-connectivity and 431 KVKs are linked through BSNL and other service providers to have access to web based content on agriculture. As many as 401 KVK are having mobile phone linkages with 10.11 lakh registered farmers for providing agro-advisory from time to time. The state-wise details of number of KVKs having Internet connectivity and mobile phone linkages with farmers are given in the Annexure. During the last one year, as many as 4.9 lakh agro-advisory messages have been provided to the registered farmers.

Besides, all the KVK have established linkages with Agricultural Technology Management Agencies (ATMA) in the country for convergence of farmers oriented programmes like training courses, frontline demonstrations, celebration of technology week, farmers field schools, farmers- scientists interaction and organization of various extension activities for creating awareness on improved technology among farmers.