

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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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 all the Gram Panchayats of the country including Madhya 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) set-up at district level and other extension personnel of the State Government deployed at District level & below disseminate information pertaining to agriculture & allied sectors in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendras, agri-entrepreneurs, private sector, NGOs etc. The extension workers deployed under ATMA at District & Block level 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.