

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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OPENING OF KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRAS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) functioning in the country, State-wise and location-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up more KVKs in various States of the country including Odisha, West Bengal and Chhattisgarh;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise;
- (d) the details of the activities undertaken and achievements made by these Kendras during the last three years and the current year;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to modernise these kendras; and
- (f) if so, the total funds allocated by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) There are 631 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) functioning in the country. The State-wise number and location/names of districts with KVKs are given in Annexure – I.

(b) & (c): The Government has approved setting up of 36 more KVKs in the country, including four in West Bengal. All the existing districts of Odisha and Chhattisgarh have been covered with KVKs. The State-wise names of the identified districts for setting up of new KVKs are given in Annexure – II.

(d) The activities of KVKs include on-farm trials and front-line demonstrations; training of farmers and extension personnel; extension activities to create awareness about improved agricultural technology; production of seed, planting material and livestock strains/fingerlings. In addition selected KVKs test soil and water samples of farmers associated with their activities. The achievements made by KVKs during last three years and the current year are given in Annexure – III.

(e) Apart from modest infrastructure provided to KVKs, additional facilities including soil and water testing lab, rain water harvesting structure, basic plant health diagnostic, minimal processing, portable carp hatchery, integrated farming system unit and e-connectivity have been created in selected KVKs.

(f) So far, an amount of Rs. 105.48 crore has been allocated to KVKs for creation of additional facilities.