

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) set up in the country especially in backward areas, State-wise;
- (b) the funds allocated and released to KVKs during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the criteria fixed for setting up of KVKs;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up KVKs in the backward and hilly areas of the country including Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the details of the achievements made by these KVKs during the said period, State-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

- (a) The number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) set up so far by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is 569. The State-wise details of number of KVKs are given in Annexure-I.
- (b) During the last three years and the current year, the Council allocated and released an amount of Rs.97549.45 lakh for the KVKs. The State-wise details are given in Annexure-II.
- (c) The criteria for opening Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country is that the host Institute will provide about 20 ha good quality cultivable land preferably at central part of the district, easily accessible, contiguous, encumbrance free and mortgagable land with all other reasonable civic facilities having permanent source of water supply for drinking and irrigation purposes. Based on the proposals from a district, an expert team visits different sites and based on the relative merits makes recommendation to the Council for establishment of the KVK in a district.
- (d) & (e): The Council has a proposal to set up KVKs in 98 rural districts in the country which include five districts of Uttar Pradesh and one district of Madhya Pradesh. The State-wise list of the rural districts, where KVKs are proposed to be setup is given in Annexure-III.
- (f) During the said period, the KVKs conducted 3.67 lakh on-farm trials and front line demonstrations; trained 50.16 lakh farmers and extension personnel; created awareness on improved technology through large number of extension programmes benefiting 285.32 lakh farmers and other stakeholders, and produced 5.55 lakh q seed and 475.61 lakh planting materials for its availability to farmers. The State-wise achievements of these KVKs are given in Annexure-IV.