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SETTING UP 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 functioning in the various States including Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Gujarat, location-wise, State-wise;
- (b) whether the growth in agricultural production is facilitated mainly by Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) which are spread across the country;
- (c) if so, whether the Government is considering to expand the area of activities of KVKs as well as to open more KVKs in many parts of the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government is aware that some irregularities have been noticed in the functioning of these Krishi Vigyan Kendras;
- (e) if so, whether the Government had set up a high level committee to look into the anomalies of Krishi Vigyan Kendras, if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government is considering to upgrade some Krishi Vigyan Kendras as these Kendras imparted training to the farmers, if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the expenditure incurred by the Government on these Kendras during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) There are 641 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) functioning in the various States of the country including Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Gujarat. The location-wise and State-wise details are given in Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): The growth in agricultural production is a function of many factors including application of various inputs, technologies and best practices. Moreover, a number of programmes and organizations including KVKs are facilitating the adoption of improved agricultural technologies and practices in farmer's field.

The new activities envisaged for KVKs during 12th Plan include Identification and documentation of selected farm innovations, Technological backstopping to the agricultural programmes and schemes run by public private and voluntary organizations and provision of farm advisories to farmers using electronic and other media of communication. Moreover, provision has been made to expand the area of activities by opening 110 more KVKs in the country. The State-wise list of districts for setting up of new KVKs is given in Annexure-II.

(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. Irregularities have been reported in KVK, Unnao (U.P); KVK, Tirunelveli (T.N.) & KVK, Thanjavur (T.N.). In the case of KVK Unnao, the Committee constituted to investigate the matter has submitted its report on 03-02-2015 and is under process. In the case of KVK, Thanjavur & KVK, Tirunelveli, a Committee has been constituted by the Vigilance of the ICAR and the report of the Committee is awaited.

Further, a high Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri J.N. L. Srivastava, Former Secretary of Agriculture and Cooperation was constituted not to look into the anomalies of KVKs but to examine the performance of KVKs to make them more relevant and progressive. The Committee has submitted its report, which has been accepted by the Competent Authority and accordingly the recommended provisions have been made in the KVK Scheme during XII Plan.

(f) During the XII Plan provision has been made for additional facilities in selected KVKs such as Rain Water Harvesting Structure with Micro Irrigation System, Soil and Water Testing facility, Minimal Processing facility, Carp Hatchery facility, Integrated Farming System (IFS), additional KVKs for e-Extension facility, Technology Information Unit, Mini Seed Processing facility, Provision of 25 KVA silent Genset to KVKs, Micro Nutrient Analysis facility, Solar Panel facility, Establishment of vKVK and KVK Net, Providing IT Kit to Farm Innovators – e farmers, Specialized KVKs for enhancing the production potential of agricultural technologies and technological interventions on farmer's fields.

(g) The State-wise and year-wise expenditure incurred by Government on KVKs during the last three years and the current year is given in Annexure-III.