

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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VILLAGE KNOWLEDGE CENTRES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Village Knowledge Centres (V KCs) programme being implemented through Council for Advancement of People`s Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) is achieving its targeted goals;
- (b) if so, the main objectives of programme;
- (c) the number of such centres established so far and their working along with the details of nodal agencies; and
- (d) the details of banks that are providing details of the programme to the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

- (a) In the past Village Knowledge Centres (V KC) programme was initiated on pilot basis under the Rural Technology Scheme of CAPART.
- (b) The main objective of V KC was to have an online interactive session from central studio to multiple remote sites to address need based issues at grass root level.
- (c) CAPART had set up two V KCs on pilot basis as per the details below :

S.No	Nodal Agency	Location of V KC	Details of working
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1	NIRDESH, Vill. Majhulai, Bihar	having Central Studio at Consultancy PO Khabra Distt Muzzaffarpur Cum Guidance Center (CGC) Vaishali Bihar	Was functional from 2007 to 2009. connected to one remote center at Serukahin Panchayat of Kanti block in Muzzaffarpur district
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2	Dhan Foundation, 18, Pillaiyar Street, Soma Sundram Colony, People Academy, Madurai	Tamil Nadu	having central studio at Pulluthi connecting 10 remote sites in 3 districts of Tamil Nadu. Operational cost for this centre was not provided due to discontinuation of V KC programme
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- (d) Providing details of the programme to the farmers through banks was not the objective of above mentioned pilot projects.