

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE TO KVKs
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the services offered and work done by the Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) working in the field of agriculture across the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government provides financial aid or subsidy to these KVKs;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and along with the amount released by the Government for last three years State/UT-wise including Maharashtra; and
- (d) the funds utilisation by these KVKs for the research, services provided to the farmers and the awareness programme organised State-wise for current year and last three years?

Answer

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

- (a) A High Level Committee constituted by the Government in 2014 has recently reviewed the performance of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) during XI Plan and first three years of XII Plan. The activity-wise progress of work as reported by the committee is given in Annexure-I. The other significant achievements of KVKs as observed by the Committee are indicated in Annexure-II.
- (b) to (d): The KVKs are provided 100 percent financial assistance for the salary of staff; building infrastructure depending upon its needs including main building, a trainees' hostel, two demonstration units and six residential apartments; fencing and farm development; purchase of vehicles, equipments, implements and instructional aids; and recurring contingencies etc. The details of State-wise including Maharashtra and year-wise funds released and utilized for the above purpose during the last three years are given in Annexure-III. The funds are yet to be released for the current year.