

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURE BASED COMMERCIAL TRAINING  
Singh Shri Bharat

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has requested/represented to the Ministry of Human Resource Development to run programmes to impart agriculture based commercial training in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the various steps being taken by the Government to spread educational awareness among the farmers for better production?

**Answer**

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

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Doesn't arise.

(c) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established a network of 642 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country aiming at assessment and demonstration of technologies/products and their dissemination through number of extension programmes including training of farmers to update their knowledge and skill. These KVKs also organize different extension programmes for creating awareness among farmers about improved technologies and to provide timely advisory to farmers for better production.

Besides, the KVK experts also create awareness through mass media like TV programmes, radio talks, CDs/DVDs, extension literature, newspaper coverage, popular articles, leaflets, folders and books/booklets benefitting large number of farmers. In addition as part of their regular mandated activities, the KVKs conduct On-farm trials and Frontline demonstrations and provide training to farmers on various crops and allied enterprises to agriculture. The KVKs have also produced 3.44 lakh quintal seeds and 203.36 lakh good quality planting materials and 1.27 lakh quintal bio-products for distribution to farmers during 2014-15.