

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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MODERN FARMING SKILLS TO FARMERS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has felt the need to impart modern farming skills to the farmers in the Government schools and colleges in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE & FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b): The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established a network of 639 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) at district level in the country for assessment and demonstration of technologies/ products to farmers as per the location specific requirements. As a part of its important activity, KVKs impart training to farmers to improve their farming skills. During the year 2013-14, 13.11 lakh farmers and farm women were trained in farming and allied enterprises. For the XIIth Plan, a target to train 75.00 lakh farmers and farm women has been proposed. For technological backstopping, these KVKs are supported by State Agricultural Universities, ICAR Institutes and Agricultural Colleges in order to conduct farmers' training and other technical programmes.