

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the agricultural programmes/agricultural projects and subsidy schemes for the farmers running/pending with the Union Government;
- (b) if so, the details of the funds allocated and spent for various agricultural projects running/pending to provide technical and financial assistance to the farmers in the country during the last one and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has started various programmes through Krishi Vigyan Kendras and other departments for skill development of farmers in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

- (a) & (b): Under the existing schemes of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, which have been formulated after wide consultations with various stake-holders including State Governments, there are provisions for supply of seeds, plant protection chemicals, nutrients including secondary, micro & bio-nutrients, agriculture machinery and equipments, etc. at subsidized rates to the farmers in the country. Details of the funds released under various schemes during the last one year and the current year to various States are given in the statement at Annexure-I.
- (c) & (d): The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established a network of 641 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) district-wise in the country aiming at assessment and demonstration of technologies/products and its dissemination through number of extension programmes including training of farmers to update their knowledge and skill. The State-wise details of funds allocated for training programmes and number of farmers provided skill training during the current year (2014-15) are given in Annexure-II.