

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Cultivation of Pulses

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a lack of interest in the farming community to produce pulses in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether information in regard to cultivation of Crops is being provided to the farmers from time to time through the Krishi Vigyan Kendras;
- (d) if so, whether allocation has been made to all Krishi Vigyan Kendras by the Government for the purpose; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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- (a) & (b): Farming community is less interested to grow pulses due to their low yield potential, vulnerability to biotic and abiotic stresses, poor price realization etc.
- (c): Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) are conducting large number of Front Line Demonstrations (FLDs) on various crops including pulses. During 2015-16, 37910 FLDs of rabi pulses such as lentil, green gram, chick pea, field pea, black gram, rajmash, french bean and pigeon pea are being conducted. KVKs are also providing information to farmers on cultivation of various crops including pulses by conducting training programmes and large number of extension activities.
- (d): Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has provided an amount of Rs.11.99 crore on 100% basis to KVKs for conducting FLDs of rabi pulses during 2015-16.
- (e): The details of budget allocated to various Agricultural Technology Research Institutes (ATARIs) during 2015-16 is given in Annexure-I.