

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SETTING UP OF KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRAS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria fixed by the Government for setting up of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country along with the number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras that have been set up till date;
- (b) the number of KVKs proposed to be set up under the 12 Five Year Plan in various States, State/UT-wise, including Gujarat, Maharashtra and Jharkhand;
- (c) whether any action plan has been formulated by these KVKs for better farming of cotton production in Vidarbha; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE & FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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- (a) The Government has fixed the criteria of setting up of one Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in each of the rural districts and one additional KVK in each of the identified 50 larger districts in the country. Till date, 639 KVKs have been set up in the country.
- (b) The number of KVKs proposed to be set up in 12 Five Year Plan is 112. The State /UT-wise details of names of the districts, including Gujarat and Maharashtra for setting up of KVKs during 12th Plan are Annexed. All the rural districts of Jharkhand State have been covered with a KVK.
- (c) & (d): In order to assess and demonstrate the production potential of various improved cotton production technologies and practices on farmer's field, the KVKs of Vidarbha region plan to conduct 381 on-farm trials and frontline demonstrations during the current year. Besides, these KVKs have also planned to conduct 58 training programmes and 75 other extension activities during the current crop season for upgrading knowledge and creating awareness on improved technologies among cotton growing farmers.