

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:132
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2014
KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRAS
Khadse Smt. Raksha Nikhil

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) have chalked out any action plan to augment the production of cotton crop in various cotton growing States including Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether KVKs have formulated any plan to upgrade the banana plantation so as to produce export quality bananas in some States including Maharashtra; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the achievements made by these KVKs during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 132 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02/12/2014 REGARDING "KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRAS"

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) As part of their multi-disciplinary activities, the KVKs of major cotton growing States including Maharashtra have prepared the action plan on various technological interventions on Cotton crop to help farmers in getting higher production. These interventions include On-Farm- Trial (OFTs) and Front-Line Demonstrations (FLDs) of newly released varieties/ hybrids and production technologies on farmer's fields; training of farmers on various aspects of cotton production; creation of awareness among the farmers on improved cotton production technologies through a number of extension programmes and production of quality seeds of cotton for availability to farmers. The State-wise details of the action plan of technological interventions to be taken up by KVKs during 2014-15 and number of farmers to be benefitted for augmenting cotton production are given in Annexure-I. The list of cotton technologies and best practices being taken up by KVKs in its activities are given at Annexure-II.

(c) & (d): As far as banana crop is concerned, the KVKs have formulated their action plan based on various technologies and best practices developed by research system. The list of some selected banana production technologies/ practices including those for producing export quality banana are given in Annexure-III. On these technologies, KVKs organized 1095 training programmes to update the knowledge and skills of 24424 banana growers; conducted 245 OFTs and 1425 FLDs on farmer's fields to show the production potential of improved banana production and protection technologies; created awareness through 4538 extension programmes on latest technological developments benefitting 3.40 lakh farmers and produced 4.16 lakh planting materials for availability to 23524 farmers during the last three years and the current year. The State-wise and Year-wise details of various activities are given at Annexure-IV.