

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SETTING UP OF AGRICULTURE INFORMATION CENTRES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up Agriculture Information Centres in various States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise, location-wise; and
- (c) the assistance provided by the Union Government for this purpose during the last three years and the current year, State/ UT-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b):No, Madam. However, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established 44 Agricultural Technology Information Centers (ATICs) with 28 in Agricultural Universities and 16 in ICAR Institutes under the Innovations in Technology Dissemination (ITD) Component of National Agricultural Technology Project (NATP). These ATICs provide the services of diagnosis of plant/crop problems, management of field problems, analysis of soil samples and first-hand information to approaching farmers.

The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC) Government of India has also set up Kisan Call Centres (KCCs) at 14 locations in the country to provide information on queries of farmers in the area of agriculture and allied subject in 22 regional languages, through a countrywide common toll free number 1800-180-1551 covering all the States and Union Territory of India. These KCCs operate from 6.00 AM to 10.00 PM on all days a week and all 365 days in a year.

The details of ATICs and KCCs State/ UT-wise, location wise is given in Annexure-I & II.

(c):No assistance is provided to the States by the Union Government for setting up of ATICs and KCCs.