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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Krishi Vigyan Kendras which are working in the country at present;
- (b) whether sufficient facilities are provided by the Government to these KVKs alongwith the technical support provided by the agricultural scientists to achieve the target;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the composition of these KVKs along with the number of beneficiaries of these KVKs;
- (e) the details of the expenditure incurred by the Government on each KVK each year; and
- (f) the various steps taken by the Government to improve the effectiveness of these KVKs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

- (a) There are 641 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) working in the country. The State-wise details of KVKs are given in the Annexure.
- (b) & (c): Each KVK is provided modest facilities like building infrastructure depending upon its needs including a main building, trainees' hostel, two demonstration units and 6 residential apartments for the staff, fencing and farm development. Besides, selected KVKs have been provided additional facilities like e-linkages (198); Soil & Water Testing Labs(389); Basic Plant Health Diagnostic facility(139); minimal agro-processing facility (20); Demonstration Units on Rain Water Harvesting structure (118); Portable Carp Hatchery (51); Demonstration Unit on Integrated farming system(50). In addition, the Directorates of Extension of 39 State Agricultural Universities (SAU) and one Central Agricultural University (CAU) have been strengthened for knowledge empowerment, technological backstopping, HRD and overseeing the KVK activities. Besides, proposal has been made for additional facilities in selected KVKs such as Rain Water Harvesting Structure with Micro Irrigation System, Soil and Water Testing facility, Minimal Processing facility, Carp Hatchery facility, Integrated Farming System (IFS), additional KVKs for e-Extension facility, Technology Information Unit, Mini Seed Processing facility, Provision of 25 KVA silent Genset to KVKs, Micro Nutrient Analysis facility, Solar Panel facility, provision of vKVK and KVK Net, Providing IT Kit to Farm Innovators – e farmers and designating some KVKs for specialized activities during XII Plan. The targeted activities of KVKs are carried out with the technical support of a multi-disciplinary team of six Subject Matter Specialists.
- (d) The host organization-wise composition of 641 include 434 under Agricultural Universities; 55 under ICAR Institutes; 99 under NGOs; 3 under Public Sector Undertakings; 35 under State Governments and 15 under Central Universities/Deemed Universities. During the last one year, the KVKs conducted 2.05 lakh On-farm trials and frontline demonstrations on various crops and other enterprises on farmers field/farm; imparted training to 16.06 lakh farmers and extension personnel, created awareness about improved technologies among 102.41 lakh farmers and extension personnel. Besides, KVKs produced and provided 1.57 lakh quintal seeds of improved varieties to 2.61 lakh farmers, 167.19 lakh quality planting materials to 2.35 lakh farmers, 102.53 lakh fish fingerlings to 23,887 farmers; and analyzed 2.91 lakh soil and water samples benefitting 2.29 lakh farmers.
- (e) The expenditure on each KVK each year depends mainly on the status of development of infrastructure facilities and staff strength. During the last one year, an amount of Rs 49811.08 lakh has been incurred by Government on KVKs.
- (f) There is an inbuilt mechanism for improving the effectiveness of KVKs like holding of Scientific Advisory Committee meetings; Annual Zonal Workshops; mid-term review workshops; Activity Specific Training-cum-Workshops; Annual National Conference of KVKs; and guidance by senior officers during their visits to KVKs. The ICAR also implement the recommendations of Quinquennial Review Teams (QRT) constituted for reviewing the KVK activities.