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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Quinquennial Review Team (QRT) report for Indian Agriculture Statistical Research Institute (IASRI) under Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) for the year 1987-95 recommended for the discontinuation of any course in IASRI;
- (b) if so, the details of the name of the course, reasons for the above recommendation; and
- (c) the action taken by the ICAR thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Quinquennial Review Team (QRT) recommended the discontinuation of M.Sc. Computer Application Degree Course.

The QRT has pointed out the following reasons:-

- (i) The intake capacity for the degree course has declined.
(ii) The curriculum had become outdated.
(iii) There was shortage of particular faculty.

(c) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research is of the view that since NARS requires qualified and trained professionals in computer applications in agricultural sciences M.Sc. degree in computer applications should be continued in IASRI. However, steps will have to be taken to recruit qualified staff, provide advanced training to existing staff and up-date the curriculum on the lines of MCA as approved by the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE).`

ANNEXURE-1

Distribution of KVKs in different States

S.No.	States/UTs	Total
1	A&N Islands	1
2	Andhra Pradesh	16
3	Arunanchal Pradesh	1
4	Assam	4
5	Bihar	21
6	Delhi	1
7	Goa	1
8	Gujarat	10
9	Haryana	12
10	Himanchal Pradesh	8
11	Jammu & Kashmir	4
12	Karnataka	11
13	Kerala	9
14	Lakshadweep	1
15	Madhya Pradesh	20
16	Maharashtra	23
17	Manipur	1
18	Maghalaya	1
19	Mizoram	2
20	Nagaland	1
21	Orissa	12
22	Pondicherry	2
23	Punjab	10

24	Rajasthan	31
25	Sikkim	1
26	Tamil Nadu	16
27	Tripura	2
28	Uttar Pradesh	30
29	West Bengal	9

TOTAL 261

Annexure - II

Districts Identified for Strengthening of Zonal Agricultural Research Stations (ZARS) to take the additional Functions of krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK)

S. No. State No. of Districts Identified

1.	Andhra Pradesh	3
2	Assam	6
3	Bihar	3
4	Himachal Pradesh	3
5	Karnataka	8
6.	Kerala	2
7	Madhya Pradesh	4
8	Maharashtra	4
9	Orissa	2
10	Tamil Nadu	3
11	Uttar Pradesh	8
12	West Bengal	1
13	Gujarat	3
14	Jammu & Kashmir	1
15	Punjab	1
16	Rajasthan	1

TOTAL 53