

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1913
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OPENING OF AGRO CLINICS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have opened some agro-clinics in various States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof as on March 31, 2003, State-wise;
- (c) the places where such agro-clinics are likely to be opened during the current year; and
- (d) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): No, Sir. The Government have not opened any agro-clinics in any State. However, Government have taken up a scheme for promoting agri-clinics and agri-business centres to be set up by agriculture graduates. The Government have only provided training to agriculture graduates with a view to equip them with necessary skills to set up such centres.

The training component of this scheme was approved during the last year of IXth Five Year Plan (2001-2002). This scheme was continued in the first year of Xth Plan also. At present a scheme for promoting agri-clinics and agri-business centres with a larger scope is under consideration.

(b): The details of agri-clinics and agri-business centres set up by entrepreneurs in various States are given in the Annexure.

(c): As the Government do not open agri-clinics, the places where such clinics would be opened will be decided by the entrepreneur concerned.

(d): Does not arise.

ANNEXURE

STATE WISE DETAILS OF AGRICULTURE GRADUATES AND AGRIBUSINESS CENTRE

S.No. State No. of Agriculture Graduates No. of Agri-Clinics/Agri-Business
Trained (As on 31.03.03) Centres set up by Trained Agriculture
Graduates (As on 25.07.03)

1	Andhra Pradesh	312	60
2	Arunachal Pr		
3	Assam	13	4
4	Bihar	212	16
5	Chandigarh		
6	Chhattisgarh		
7	Goa		
8	Gujarat	200	41
9	Haryana	46	12
10	Himachal Pr	18	
11	Jammu & Kashmir	25	
12	Jharkhand	106	3
13	Karnataka	315	130
14	Kerala	55	8
15	Madhya Pradesh	170	13
16	Maharashtra	378	105
17	Manipur	32	15
18	Meghalaya		
19	Mizoram		
20	Nagaland		
21	New Delhi		
22	Orissa	204	28
23	Pondicherry	5	1

24	Punjab	55	4
25	Rajasthan	410	105
26	Sikkim		
27	Tamil Nadu	159	45
28	Tripura		
29	Uttar Pradesh	227	21
30	Uttaranchal	52	11
31	West Bengal	64	6

TOTAL 3058 628