

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ALLOCATION FOR KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRAS
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the allocation of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is also a proposal to give awards and more grants to KVKs showing good performance;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to improve the functioning of the KVKs?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The allocation of KVKs has been increased to 860.00 crores during the X Plan, against the actual expenditure of Rs.275.48 crores during IX Plan.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has instituted ICAR Award for Outstanding KVK. The Award is given biennially to recognize outstanding performance and to promote a sense of institutional pride and belongingness in the mind of functionaries of the KVKs. Each award consists of a citation, a plaque and cash incentive for development of additional facilities for the KVK.

(e) The steps taken to improve the functioning of the KVKs are as follows:-

Providing electronic connectivity to KVKs with the State Agricultural Universities and ICAR Institutes for availability of technology information to the farmers by the KVKs.

Creation of Soil and Water Testing facilities in the KVKs.