

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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GAP BETWEEN FARMERS AND SCIENTISTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any efforts to bridge the gap between the farmers and scientists;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years;
- (c) whether the Government has arranged agriculture meets and crop exhibitions from time to time in different regions during the above period; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the results achieved therefrom?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): In order to bridge the gap between the farmers and scientists, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established a network of 531 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK), in various rural districts of the country. The KVK aims at technology assessment, refinement and demonstrations of technology/products.

(c) & (d): During the last two years, nine Agriculture Fair/Expo were organized in Northern, Eastern, Western, Southern and North East regions. During the same period, 22110 agriculture meets and exhibitions were organized by the KVKs for creating awareness on improved agriculture technology amongst 4423 thousand farmers. The State-wise details are given in Annexure.