

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:343

ANSWERED ON:21.08.2006

KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRAS

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there was any proposal for establishment of one Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in every rural district of the country at the end of Tenth Plan;
- (b) if so, the number of KVKs targeted and set up since the beginning of the Tenth Plan, year-wise and State-wise; and
- (c) the innovative methods, techniques, updated market information, farm management techniques and technology that the KVKs provided to farmers so far?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.343 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21/08/2006 REGARDING 'KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRAS'

(a) The Government have approved for establishment of one Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in each of 578 rural districts of the country (as per INDIA 2002) at the end of Tenth Plan.

(b) Since the beginning of Tenth Plan, 264 KVKs have been sanctioned, raising the number of KVKs to 537. Year-wise and State-wise details are given as Annexure.

(c) The innovative methods/techniques taken up by the KVKs are as follows:-

# Site-specific assessment and refinement of technology through on-farm trial.

# Establishing production potential of technology through frontline demonstration on the farmers' fields.

# Facilitating subject matter specialists and farmers interaction through a number of activities like advisory services, diagnostic visits, exhibitions, field days, kisan goshthies, kisan melas, etc.

During the first four years of Tenth Plan, the KVKs provided training to 26.7 lakh farmers on improved technologies related to crop production, crop protection, livestock production and management, fishery, natural resource management, and use of improved tools and implements; besides participation of 59.7 lakh farmers in various extension activities.

As far as the market information is concerned, an Agricultural Marketing Information System Network (AGMARKNET) has been created for providing information to the farmers on Mandi profile, Prices and arrivals, Grades and standards, Commodity profiles; etc.