

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:263

ANSWERED ON:11.12.2006

KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRAS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) The number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), Agricultural Universities and Institutes of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in the country, separately;
- (b) The total expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years, separately ;
- (c) Whether the Government has assessed the quality of research undertaken by these institutions; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

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

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.263 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11/12/2006 REGARDING `KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRAS`

(a) There are 541 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), 42 Agricultural Universities, 95 ICAR Institutions in the country.

(b) The total Expenditure incurred thereon by the ICAR is as under:

Rs. in Crore		
2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1478.62	1628.65	1843.19

(c)&(d) : ICAR has an in-built mechanism of undertaking the assessment/ evaluation of its various research programmes/ schemes. At Headquarters level, there are eight Subject Matter Divisions which assess and monitor the quality of research undertaken by the Institutions under their domain. At regional level, there are eight Regional Committees comprising various State Government functionaries, State Agricultural Universities and ICAR Institutes which review the status of Agricultural Research and make recommendations on location specific problems peculiar to that region. At Institute level, there are Staff Research Council, Institute Management Committee (Institute Management Board for Institutes having the status of deemed-to-be universities). Each Institute also has a Research Advisory Committee which is constituted of outside eminent experts as Members as well as Chairman. Further, each Institute, after a period of Five Year is reviewed by a Quinquennial Review Team(QRT) constituted of outside eminent experts as Members as well as Chairman which thoroughly evaluate the research programmes/ schemes.