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FARMERS PARTICIPATORY ACTION RESEARCH PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Farmers Participatory Action Research Programme is supposed to be implemented in 5000 villages of the country in research-oriented mode involving specialized agencies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated and utilised for the purpose so far;
- (d) the number of villages covered under this programme so far, State-wise; and
- (e) the time by which remaining villages are likely to be covered?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

- (a) There is no such scheme relating to Farmers Participatory Action Research Programme in 5000 villages being implemented by DARE/ICAR. However, this Department has established 554 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the rural districts of the country. The KVKs are primarily engaged in the technology assessment, refinement and demonstration of frontline technology/product. The KVKs also conduct on-farm trials to evaluate and assess the impact of agricultural technologies on location specific basis under different farming systems. During 2006-07, 4109 on-farm trails were conducted by the KVKs.
- (b) to (e): Does not arise.