

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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RESTRUCTURING OF KVKs
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formed a task force on restructuring of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) spread all over the country;
- (b) if so, the objectives thereof;
- (c) whether the task force has submitted its report;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the salient features of the report;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to make Krishi Vigyan Kendras more effective;
- (f) if so, the steps being taken in this regard; and
- (g) the number of districts covered under the Krishi Vigyan Kendras in the country, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. However, Considering the geographical distance as well as number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) to be monitored, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) constituted a Committee of eminent scientists to suggest reviewing the Zone-wise classification of the States. The terms of reference of the Committee were: to analyze and examine present eight Zones of KVK system in the country; to suggest zone-wise classification of the States; to indicate number and location of additional Zonal Project Directorates required in the country for effective monitoring of KVKs, and to propose zone-wise classification of States and number of KVKs in each Zone.

(c) & (d): The committee has submitted its report. The salient recommendation of the committee include increase in number of Zonal Project Directorates from 8 to 11 keeping the State units as such; and change in nomenclature of Zonal Project Directorate as Directorate of Agriculture Technology Application; and Zonal Project Director as Director, Directorate of Agriculture Technology Application.

(e) & (f): During XI Plan, the ICAR has taken number of steps to make KVKs more effective. These include strengthening selected KVKs with additional infrastructure facilities like basic plant health diagnostic facilities, minimal processing facilities, portable carp hatchery, soil and water testing lab and e-linkage facilities; assigning responsibility to Directorates of Extension Education of Agricultural Universities (AUs) to providing technological backstopping and knowledge empowerment of KVKs; provision of mobile diagnostic cum exhibition units and farmers' hostel to Aus; and up-gradation of eight Zonal Coordinating Units to the level of Zonal Project Directorates with additional scientific and administrative manpower.

(g) The State-wise number of districts covered under the KVKs are given in the Annexure.