

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Krishi Vigyan kendras
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Krishi Vigyan kendras operating in the country, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the work undertaken by these KVKs, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government had set up a committee to examine the functioning of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) across the country, if so, the details of the recommendations made by the committee;
- (d) whether the KVKs would be strengthened to provide latest scientific innovations to the farmers, if so, the details thereof and the role played by NGOs on the functioning of such KVKs; and
- (e) the manner in which these KVKs are likely to be beneficial to the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA)

(a) & (b): There are 642 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) functioning in the country. The State/UT-wise number of KVKs are given in Annexure-I. The State-wise details of work undertaken by these KVKs during the last one year is given in Annexure-II.

(c) A High Level Committee (HLC) under the Chairmanship of Shri J.N.L. Srivastava, Former Secretary of Agriculture and Cooperation was constituted by the Union Government in 2014 to examine the performance of KVKs to make them more relevant and progressive. The details of recommendations made by HLC are given in Annexure-III.

(d) During the XII Plan, Government has approved for strengthening of selected KVKs with new facilities viz. Technology Information Unit, Mini Seed Processing facility, Provision of 25 KVA silent Genset to KVKs, Micro Nutrient Analysis facility, Establishment of vKVK and KVK Net and Specialized KVKs. In addition, provision has been made for providing additional facilities like Rain Water Harvesting Structure with Micro Irrigation System, Soil and Water Testing facility, Minimal Processing facility, Carp Hatchery facility, Integrated Farming System (IFS) and Additional KVKs for e-Extension facility to selected KVKs. The number of KVKs for strengthening with new facilities and additional facilities during XII Plan is given at Annexure-IV. The NGOs are playing the role of host organizations to 99 KVKs and providing administrative and management support to these KVKs for carrying out the mandated activities for the benefit of farming community as per the guidelines laid down by ICAR.

(e) In order to provide reasonable access to modern agricultural knowhow & technologies, KVKs across the country spread in different states at district level having mandate of technology assessment and demonstration for its adoption and capacity development in coordination with ICAR Institutes and Agricultural Universities. A number of activities organized by KVKs like frontline demonstrations, on- farm trials and training programmes help farmers in adopting improved farm technologies and best practices. KVKs played important role to showcase and promote the improved technologies to the farmers to enhance the production and productivity.

Besides, the KVKs also organize large number of extension programmes for creating awareness on improved technology among farmers. The KVKs also produce selected technological inputs like seed and planting materials for availability to farmers.
