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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 839
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22/12/2017

INFORMATION MECHANISM

839. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering upon issuing any guidelines to the Directorate of Knowledge Management in Agriculture to strengthen information mechanism ;
- (b) if so, whether Government is considering upon taking any step in this direction; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) 1. An allocation of Rs. 1547 lakhs has been made in SFC of Directorate of Knowledge Management in agriculture (DKMA) for the period 2017-18 to 2019-2020 (Three Years for strengthening the Knowledge Network Mechanism) as under:
 - (i) To develop technology dissemination support system, for better Knowledge management in National Agriculture Research System (NARS) of India.
 - (ii) To involve farming community in knowledge management through electronic mechanism.
 - (iii) Evaluate the existing IT infrastructure in the system for their effective use, to take appropriate measures including relocating unused infrastructure for their full utilization.

2. To provide high speed and robust internet connectivity throughout the NARS, in second phase, approx. 19 institutes are to be provided with National Knowledge Network connectivity. For this purpose, an allocation of Rs. 673 lakhs has been approved for the period 2017-18 to 2019-20.

3. For the project E-Resource Consortium in agriculture, an allocation of Rs.9330 lakhs has been made in SFC for the period 2017-18 to 2019-20. Through this project, e-literature is being provided to 152 Agricultural Universities and Institutes.

(c) The Directorate of Knowledge Management in agriculture (DKMA) acts as the information, publication and public outreach office of National Agriculture Research and Education System of India. A national knowledge portal is being prepared which will have the agricultural knowledge, films, pictures to provide help and assistance in electronic mode to all the stakeholders in the field of agriculture.

The work will be completed by March, 2018.
