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MODERNISATION OF AGRICULTURE SECTOR

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

- (a) whether Government has launched any campaign to further the vision of 'Lab to Land' in order to modernize Indian agriculture through scientific outreach, sustainable practices and farmer empowerment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any plan to impart training to farmers in order to modernize agricultural system at Panchayat level to increase agricultural production, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the step taken by Government to encourage farmers to engage in chemical free agriculture in order to strengthen the rural economy across the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY)

(a) & (b): To strengthen the vision of "Lab to Land", the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan was organized during 29 May-12 June 2025 across the country as pre-*Kharif* campaign with the objectives to create awareness regarding improved agricultural technologies of *Kharif* season and about various schemes and policies of government on agricultural development among the farmers and also to document farmer-led innovations and feedback of farmers. During the campaign, 2,170 teams of multi-disciplinary scientists directly interacted with more than 1.35 crore farmers by organizing about 61 thousand programs in 728 districts.

(c): Yes, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research is implementing Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) scheme through 731 KVKs with mandate of single window agricultural knowledge, resource and capacity development centres. As part of its mandated activities, the KVKs provide training to farmers on various aspects of scientific and modern farming in agriculture and allied sectors. The KVKs provided training to 59.66 lakh farmers during the last three years. Besides, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Support to State Extension Programs for Extension Reforms" popularly known as ATMA Scheme is under implementation across the country since 2005. Presently, 739 districts of 28 states & 5 UTs in the country are covered under the Scheme. Farmers' training in different thematic areas is an eligible activity under ATMA scheme. During the last three years, 51.20 lakh farmers have been trained through farmers' training and Farm School initiatives under the scheme.

(d): The Government is promoting natural farming as chemical free farming. In this regard, National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) is under implementation as a centrally sponsored scheme with aim to promote natural farming through extensive training programmes on natural farming package of practices, preparation of natural inputs like concoctions, etc.
