

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1892
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14/03/2017

**CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN AGRICULTURAL
COLLEGES AND RESEACH INSTITUTES**

1892. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to connect 274 agricultural colleges and research institutions across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which the above proposal is likely to be implemented;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to launch Krishi Vigyan Kendra app; and
- (e) if so, the salient features thereof and the time by which it is likely to be launched?

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MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) to (c): There is no proposal under consideration to connect the colleges and institutes and institutions through any terrestrial/wireless network connectivity. National knowledge Network under Department of Electronics & Information technology, Government of India provides this connectivity to the colleges and research institutions.

However, ICAR Data centres have been established to provide email and web hosting services to ICAR and its 109 Institutes/ Universities and their regional Centres, 89 AICRPs/Network projects and their centres, and Krishi Vigyan Kendras.

(d) & (e): KVK App has been developed and launched by Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on 21st December, 2016. The App envisages the following features:-

- Farmers can download the App from KVK portal (<http://kvk.icar.gov.in>) and register with their authentication details for use of the KVK app.
- The registered farmers can access information on package of practices for crops and animals, Facilities available with KVK and forth coming as well as past Events organized.
- Farmers can also access Agro meteorological advisory, provided by IMD and Market price of Agricultural Commodities, provided by eNAM, through the KVK app.
- Farmers can send any farm related specific query to the KVK experts and get solution for their problems.
