

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4049
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20/03/2018

MERA GAON MERA GAURAV PROGRAMME

4049. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of programmes initiated by the Government for the benefit of farmers of the country;
- (b) whether the Government has started a programme, called “Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav”;
- (c) if so, the number of scientists shortlisted from Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) for this programme during the current year;
- (d) the number of farmers and villages already benefited through the said programme so far; and
- (e) the further steps taken/being taken by the ICAR to develop techniques for organic farming in the country?

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MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established a network of 686 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country mandated with Technology Assessment and Demonstration for its Application and Capacity Development. KVKs organize demonstrations, training programs and skill development programs for the benefit of farmers and farm women, rural youth and in-service extension personnel.

(b), (c) & (d): Yes, the Government has launched 'Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav' Scheme in August 2015 to encourage agricultural scientists of NARES working with ICAR institutes and Agricultural Universities to establish direct interface with identified villages and give suitable advice on farm technologies to the farmers on technical and other related aspects in a time frame through personal visits or on telephone. Under this scheme, a group of about 4 scientists each consisting of different disciplines from ICAR Institutes and Agricultural Universities have identified about 5 villages. Scientists also create awareness among farmers on important issues like climate change, customized technologies, protective measures, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and other issues of local and national importance. Under the program, scientists visited 13500 villages regularly and provided advisory to the 3.5 Lakh farmers.

(e) All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on cropping system is being implemented by ICAR-Indian Institute of Farming Systems Research (ICAR-IIFSR), Modipuram which also deals with organic farming technologies. Apart from this, ICAR-National Organic Farming Research Institute (ICAR-NOFRI) has been established in Sikkim to cater the needs of the farmers.
