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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2263 TO BE ANSWERED ON 31/07/2018

LINKAGES BETWEEN RESEARCH AND FARMING COMMUNITY

2263. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

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

(a) whether the Government has made effective linkages between research, extension and farming community; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Agricultural knowledge information pertaining to various technologies generated by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Institutes and Agricultural Universities are shared with network of 700 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) across the Country which are coordinated by 11 ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institutes (ATARIs). The KVKs in turn share agricultural technological information with line departments of Agriculture in States and subsequently disseminated to farmers. The 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. The salient achievements of major activities of KVKs from 2014-15 to 2017-18 are given below:-

• On- farm trials conducted by KVKs	1.32 lakh
• Frontline demonstrations conducted by KVKs	5.04 lakh
Number of trained Farmers	53.96 lakh
Extension Personnel trained	5.62 lakh
Participants in extension activities	540.04 lakh
Production of seed by KVKs	184600 tones
Production of Planting material produced	1711.91 lakh
• Production of Live-stock strains and finger lings	950.22 lakh
• Testing of Soil, water, plant, manures samples	20.90 lakh
 Mobile agro- advisory provided to farmers 	1022.67 lakh