

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4430
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th MARCH, 2023

DISSEMINATION OF RESEARCH INFORMATION

4430. SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the results of research in agriculture sector are not reaching the farmers and this has become a hindrance in the development of agriculture sector in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to disseminate information related to scientific research in agriculture to the farmers;
- (c) whether the Government has provided any assistance to the farmers to use modern and state-of-the-art equipments for agricultural purposes;
- (d) if so, whether the Union Government, in coordination with the State Governments, is providing assistance to the farmers to purchase these equipments at concessional rates;
- (e) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Maharashtra?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) and (b) The Government of India, under the aegis of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), has established 731 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in various districts across the country to disseminate information to farmers related to results of research in agriculture sector. The activities of KVKs include On-farm testing to identify the location specificity of technology under various farming systems; Frontline demonstration to establish the production potential of improved agricultural technologies on the farmers; fields; Capacity development of famers for knowledge and skill up gradation; providing farm advisories using ICT and other media means on varied subjects of interest to famers; and production of quality seeds and planting materials for availability to the farmers. In order to develop awareness of improved agricultural technology among the farmers, a large number of extension activities are also taken up by the KVKs.

Besides, Government also implements a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely 'Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms' popularly known as 'ATMA (Agricultural Technology Management Agency) Scheme' to support efforts of State Governments in making available latest agricultural technologies through various extension activities like, farmers training, demonstrations, exposure visits, kisan mela, mobilization of Farmers Groups and organizing Farm Schools etc.

(c) and (d) The Government has been implementing Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) through State Governments since April 2014 for promotion of farm mechanization by establishment of Custom Hiring Centres of hi-tech and high value farm equipment, distribution of various agricultural implements, demonstration and capacity building of stakeholders. Since 2018-19, the Government is also providing support to the States of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and NCT of Delhi and 60 KVKs of these States through a Central Sector Scheme on "Promotion of Agricultural Mechanization" to encourage farmers through training and demonstration on use of new farm machineries and implements for In-Situ Crop Residue Management. Besides, KVKs also organize training for farmers in the area of farm mechanization.

(e) and (f) So far, 731 KVKs have been established and there is a provision of establishing 14 more KVKs in the country. State/UT wise list of districts where opening of new KVKs is provisioned is given in **Annexure-I**.

Annexure-I

[To the part (e) and (f) of LS USQ no. 4430 to be answered ON 28th March, 2023]

State/UT wise list of districts for KVKs provisioned in the EFC of 2021-26

Name of State/UT	Name of District
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Silvasa
Daman & Diu	Daman, Diu
Haryana	Palwal, Mewat, Panchkula
Jammu & Kashmir	Udhampur
Puducherry	Mahe
Rajasthan	Sriganganagar
Uttarakhand	Pithoragarh, Chamoli
West Bengal	Bankura, Birbhum, Bardhaman
