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NATIONAL MISSION ON AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION AND TECHNOLOGY

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

- (a) the objectives of National Mission on Agricultural Extension and Technology (NMAET);
- (b) the details of physical and financial progress made under the NMAET under its various sub-mission, year and State-wise;
- (c) whether the scheme is being implemented in Gujarat and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is taking initiatives for improving the extension system to disseminate appropriate technologies and relevant information to larger number of farmers and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of agriculture extension network in the country, State-wise; and
- (f) the other steps being taken by the Government for development of the agriculture extension system in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c) National Mission on Agricultural Extension & Technology (NMAET) was started in 2014-15 with objectives (i) to restructure & strengthening agricultural extension to enable delivery of appropriate technology and improved agronomic practices to the farmers; (ii) to achieve extensive

physical outreach & use of interactive methods of information dissemination; (iii) use of Information & Communication Technology (ICT); (iv) popularization of modern and appropriate technologies; (v) to promote Custom Hiring Centers (CHCs) (vi) capacity building and institution strengthening to promote mechanization; (vii) availability of quality seeds; and (viii) plant protection. However, the NMAET has been subsumed in Krishonnati Yojana in 2017-18.

(d) **Yes.** While the concept of district level **Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA)** has been promoted with an idea to provide a platform for integrated extension delivery involving all the stake-holders, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) operating at the same level act as an out-reach arm of National Agricultural Research System facilitating validation and adoption of new technologies through front line demonstrations, training & awareness programs and other initiatives. Presently, ATMA Scheme is being implemented in 704 districts of 28 states & 5 UTs and 731 KVKs have been established across the country.

(e) The State-wise number of districts and blocks covered under ATMA Scheme is given at **Annexure-I**.

(f) Besides, following are the other steps being taken by the Government for development of the agriculture extension system in the country: -

- i. In order to develop agri-entrepreneurs and agri-startups, a Scheme namely Agri-Clinics & Agri-Business Centre (AC&ABC) is under implementation.
- ii. For answering farmers' calls, Kisan Call Centre (KCC) is under operation from 17 locations across the country.
- iii. Mass Media Scheme in Agricultural Extension (MMSAE) is under implementation for increased out-reach through print, electronic, digital & social media platform.
- iv. Diploma in Agricultural Extension Services for Input Dealers (DAESI) is under implementation for providing one year training of the Input Dealers through distance learning mode.
- v. For regular capacity building of middle level extension functionaries working in the States in Extension and Communication Methodology, four Extension

Education Institutes (EElS) are in operation in the country from different locations at National level.

- vi. In order to provide managerial training in agricultural extension to the senior level extension personnel engaged in the States Department of Agriculture, an apex level institutions i.e. National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE) is working since 1985.
- vii. Exhibition/Fairs are organized for generating awareness among large number of farmers in different thematic areas of agriculture and allied subjects.

ANNEXURE-I**State-wise number of Districts and Blocks covered under ATMA Scheme**

SL. No.	State/ UT	No. of Districts	No. of Blocks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Andhra Pradesh	13	170
2	Bihar	38	534
3	Chhattisgarh	27	146
4	Goa	2	11
5	Gujarat	33	248
6	Haryana	21	120
7	Jharkhand	24	263
8	Karnataka	29	223
9	Kerala	14	152
10	Maharashtra	34	351
11	Madhya Pradesh	52	313
12	Odisha	30	314
13	Punjab	22	145
14	Rajasthan	33	295
15	Tamil Nadu	31	385
16	Telangana	32	107
17	Uttar Pradesh	75	824
18	West Bengal	23	347
19	Himachal Pradesh	12	88
20	Uttrakhand	13	95
21	Assam	39	219
22	Arunachal Pradesh	25	109
23	Manipur	9	60
24	Meghalaya	11	46
25	Mizoram	8	26
26	Nagaland	12	74
27	Tripura	8	58
28	Sikkim	6	31
29	A&N Islands	3	9
30	Ladakh	2	31
31	NCT of Delhi	1	6
32	Puducherry	2	15
33	J&K	20	286
TOTAL:		704	6101
