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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 582
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06TH FEBRUARY, 2024

SUPPORT TO FARMERS BY KVKs

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

- (a) the details of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) set up in Andhra Pradesh so far to help farmers adopt new technologies in farming;
- (b) the details regarding the ways in which these KVKs have provided help in horticulture and fisheries in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) whether the Government has provided technological and other aid to farmers in Andhra Pradesh that are impacted by the drought-like conditions in the State and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI ARJUN MUNDA)

(a): In all, 24 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) have been set up in Andhra Pradesh to help farmers adopt new technologies in farming in Andhra Pradesh: two KVKs each in Anantapur, Chittoor, East Godavari, Guntur, Krishna, Kurnool, Prakasam, Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore, Visakhapatnam, West Godavari, and YSR Kadapa districts and one KVK each in Srikakulam and Vizianagaram districts.

(b): The KVKs of the State conducted following activities to provide technological support to horticulture and fish farmers during the last five years:

- Conducted 1928 On Farm Trials (OFTs) on new horticultural technologies and 10 OFTs on new fisheries technologies to assess their location specificity at farmers' fields.
- Carried out 4849 Frontline Demonstrations (FLDs) on improved horticultural technologies and 385 FLDs on improved fisheries technologies at farmers' fields to show their production potential to them.

- Capacity development of 46442 farmers on various aspects of cultivation of horticultural crops and about 8200 farmers on various aspects of fisheries technologies.
- Produced 620 quintals seed and 92 lakh planting material of horticultural crops and 15 lakh fish fingerlings for horticulture and fish farmers, respectively.

(c): The KVKs of Andhra Pradesh promoted drought tolerant varieties of different crops (SIA- 3088 and Suryanandi of foxtail millet; PRG-176, LRG 105, LRD 52, TRG 59 and PRG 176 red gram; NBeG-49 of bengal gram; Kadiri chitravati, and TCGS 1694 of groundnut) by producing 74.2 quintals seeds of these varieties and providing to the farmers. Strategies to counter drought as per the contingency plans of the drought affected districts of Andhra Pradesh were disseminated through mobile messages (120 mobile messages to 1.44 lakh farmers), press releases (123 press notes in local newspapers), and other modes of communication (13 training programmes) during 2023-24.

As other aids, Government of India provided Rs.987.20 crore to State under State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) during 2023-24 as financial assistance in this regard.
