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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1891 TO BE ANSWERED ON 03/03/2020

WORKING OF KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRAS

1891. DR. A. CHALLAKUMAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the services offered and work done by the Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) working in the field of agriculture across the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government provides financial aid/subsidy to these KVKs;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the amount released by the Government for the last three years, State-wise including Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) the fund utilisation by these KVKs for the research services provided to the farmers and the awareness programme organised during the last three years, State-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) Yes, Sir. The Government has been regularly assessing the services offered and work done by the Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs). The work of KVKs is assessed and reviewed every year by organizing Zonal Review Workshops. Besides, the Government also conducted Third Parties Evaluation through National Institute of Labour Economics Research and Development (NILERD) an autonomous organization of NITI Aayog and International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). The highlights of studies by NILERD and IFPRI are as follows:

KVK Impact Study by NILERD in 2015:

- Each KVK covers 43 villages and 4300 farmers. 80% of villages covered by KVK are 10 km away from KVK.
- Off campus activities are more than on campus activities.
- 96% farmers' requests were attended by KVKs.

- 42% technologies adopted by farmers resulted in higher productivity, 33% resulted in high harvest income and 20% resulted in drudgery reduction.
- On an average each KVK trained about 100 persons annually on agri-prenureship. About 25% of the persons trained started self-employment ventures.
- 80% farmers modified their agricultural pattern related to diversified seeds planting technique, fertilizers, pesticides, machinery and irrigation use.
- KVKs have an edge over other organizations providing technology services.

KVK Ranking Study by NILERD in 2018

- 43% KVKs are in 'A' category, 48% in 'B' category, 8% in 'C' category and 1% in 'D' category.
- 'C' & 'D' categories are attributed to vacant staff position and new and under established infrastructure.

Study on KVK by IFPRI in 2019:

- KVKs' efforts generated an additional net farm income of Rs. 3568 per hectare.
- Cost Benefit ratio is 1:7.8. Thus, the rate of return on expenditure on KVK is very high. The access of KVKs has increased from 1% in 2003-04 to 5.34 in 2013-14.
- One farmer trained by a KVK disseminates technology/knowledge to 30 fellow farmers.

(b) to (d): Yes, Sir. The Government provides financial aid to the KVKs. The State/UT-wise details of funds released and utilized by the KVKs during the last three years including Tamil Nadu is given in **Annexure-I**.

State/UT-wise details of funds released and utilized by Krishi Vigyan Kendras during the last three years including Tamil Nadu

(Rs. in lakh)

	FY 2016-17		FY 2017-28		FY 2018-19	
Name of state/UT	Funds Released	Funds Utilized	Funds Released	Funds Utilized	Funds Released	Funds Utilized
Andaman & Nicobar						
Islands	380.94	380.94	416.45	416.45	459.75	459.75
Andhra Pradesh	2767.77	2767.77	3018.83	3018.83	2956.59	2956.59
Arunachal Pradesh	2068.5	1987.5	1871.70	1821.89	2331.23	2223.29
Assam	3712.61	3054.78	2871.80	2768.11	4249.26	3831.11
Bihar	4389.79	4389.79	5110.00	3898.85	4047.00	4007.36
Chhattisgarh	2776.79	2670.78	2676.99	2597.53	2392.48	2233.31
Delhi	101.58	101.58	128.70	128.70	142.75	142.75
Goa	161.87	151.21	227.52	216.74	236.75	186.00
Gujarat	2532.70	2532.70	3099.13	2841.23	3365.93	3186.96
Haryana	1976.34	1976.34	2411.00	2411.00	2273.15	2273.15
Himachal Pradesh	1466.46	1466.46	1867.1	1867.1	2028.26	2028.26
Jammu & Kashmir	2241.54	2241.54	2536.37	2536.37	2730.19	2730.19
Jharkhand	2309.47	2309.47	2404.00	2015.74	2299.16	2256.30
Karnataka	3259.13	3154.46	3330.41	3211.17	3950.83	3502.32
Kerala	1682.34	1657.15	1650.76	1599.01	1877.48	1829.89
Lakshadweep	29.95	29.95	0	0	23.82	19.61
Madhya Pradesh	5088.78	4863.45	4976.47	4844.01	5743.33	5559.02
Maharashtra	5614.7	5126.52	5131.12	4913.61	5452.03	5142.37
Manipur	1495.81	1446.95	1427.01	1427.01	1714.00	1714.00
Meghalaya	573.80	562.30	524.18	524.18	1159.65	1159.65
Mizoram	1197.89	1185.99	840.03	840.03	1241.80	1241.80
Nagaland	1456.81	1441.61	1432.65	1432.65	1810.45	1810.45
Odisha	3360.20	3211.63	2821.44	2821.44	3367.29	3367.29
Puducherry	173.70	161.72	176.66	176.66	188.22	188.22
Punjab	2477.36	2477.36	2981.53	2981.53	3020.96	3020.96
Rajasthan	3851.65	3851.65	5670.35	5670.35	5595.17	5595.17
Sikkim	494.85	476.65	698.70	579.7	575.0	570.00
Tamil Nadu	3269.05	3130.59	3104.16	3104.16	3540.84	3540.84
Telangana	1477.86	1477.86	1530.27	1530.27	1880.77	1880.77
Tripura	428.94	403.92	416.28	416.28	763.35	763.35
Uttar Pradesh	9731.87	9731.87	9315.37	9315.37	10304.64	10304.64
Uttarakhand	1586.25	1586.25	1439.13	1439.13	1383.3	1383.3
West Bengal	2718.99	2718.99	2740.37	2740.37	2667.52	2667.52
Total	76856.29	74727.73	78846.48	76105.47	85772.95	83776.19
