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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3625
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH AUGUST, 2021

OPENING OF NEW KVKs

3625. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has plans to open new Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) across the country and if so, details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government feels that one KVK per district is enough to cater to the requirement of the farmers of the entire district and if not, reasons therefor;
- (c) whether all KVKs in the country are properly manned, have administrative buildings and hostel facilities and if not, the steps taken to provide these facilities at the earliest; and
- (d) the details of the steps taken to upgrade the infrastructure of KVKs across the country for better services to farmers?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Government has made a provision for opening of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in each of the rural districts across the country. A total of 725 KVKs have been established across the country till date.
- (b) KVKs are mandated for frontline extension which act as a bridge between research organizations and the main extension system operated by different development departments of the State Governments. Considering the role and resources of a KVK, it caters to the requirement of the selected farmers of the district and provide capacity development support to State Development Departments. The coverage of entire district is the responsibility of development departments of State Governments.
- (c) Sanctioned staff strength of each KVK is 16 including one Senior Scientist-cum-Head, six Subject Matter Specialists, one Farm Manager, two Programme Assistants, two Administrative Staff, one Tractor Driver, one Jeep Driver and 2 Skilled Support Staff. At present, 68.44% posts in KVKs are filled.

As many as 657 KVKs have administrative building and 521 KVKs have Farmers' hostel. The Government aims to provide required infrastructure in the remaining KVKs expeditiously.

- (d) As per requirement, large number of KVKs have been strengthened with other infrastructure facilities like, pulses seed hubs, soil testing kits, micro-irrigation systems, Integrated Farming Systems units, farm machineries and equipment, District Agro-Met Units, etc. during last five years.
