

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2697**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2025

**KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRAS**

2697. SHRI MOHMAD HANEEFA:

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

- (a) whether UT of Ladakh has proposed to transfer the affiliation of four units of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) functioning in Ladakh which are currently affiliated to Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST) to the University of Ladakh, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that such decision would hamper the technical capabilities of the said KVKs as the University of Ladakh is a non-technical academic institution, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the Government's reaction thereto and the current status of the said proposal;
- (d) whether several technical and non-technical posts are lying vacant in the said KVKs, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to fill up those vacancies on an urgent basis?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि और किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY)

(a): The administration of Union Territory of Ladakh has proposed to take over the administrative control of four Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) [ i.e. Leh-I (Leh), Leh-II (Nyoma), Kargil- I (Kargil) and Kargil –II] which fall in the geographical territory of Ladakh region, from Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K). The proposal has been discussed by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) with University of Ladakh, SKUAST-K, Union Territory (UT) Administration and other Stakeholders. Certain formalities for transfer of KVKs from SKUAST-K to University of Ladakh, such as land transfer, service conditions of employees etc. need to be completed by the UT Administration to facilitate further decision on the matter.

(b) & (c): The University of Ladakh (UoL) has started the School of Agricultural Sciences and Technology at two campuses, located in Leh and Kargil with agricultural education programme viz., B.Sc., Ph.D., Basic Agricultural Training, and Basic Horticulture Training. These educational institutes will provide the technical backstopping to the KVKs in coordinating the agricultural extension activities.

(d): Yes, Details of Vacancy is as under:

<b>Name of post</b>	<b>No. of Vacancy</b>
Sr. Scientist Cum- Head	2
SMS	16
Technical	9
Administrative	5

(e): As per the Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) scheme of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), KVKs are opened under the administrative control of the different Host Organizations viz State Government, Central Agricultural Universities, State Agricultural Universities, Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), Non- Government Organisations (NGOs) and ICAR. Filling up of the vacancies in KVKs is the responsibility of the concerned Host Organization and ICAR regularly follows up with them.

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