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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2602

TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH DECEMBER, 2025

SHORTAGE OF MANPOWER IN KVKS

2602. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to timely eliminate shortage of skilled manpower in KVKs, streamline administrative processes in them and equip them with advanced/cutting edge technologies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that there still remains a large number of districts including Jharkhand without KVKs; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the timeline, if any, for providing the uncovered districts with KVKs particularly in Jharkhand State?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b): There exists vacancies of skilled manpower in Krishi Vigyan Kendras. Filling up of vacancies in KVKs is a continuous process. Requisite action is taken to fill these vacancies expeditiously. The plan to streamline the administrative processes is through formulation of EFC document. The KVKs are backed by Research Institutes & are equipped with advanced/cutting-edge technologies such as demonstration of climate resilient varieties and practices, farm machinery and equipment, Kisan Drone, precision agriculture technologies, etc. The scientists of ICAR Institutes and Agricultural Universities regularly train the experts of KVKs on these advanced/cutting-edge technologies.
- (c) & (d): Yes, there are 114 newly created districts in the country where there is no KVK. Jharkhand state have 24 districts. All districts have a KVK. Opening of KVK in newly created districts is a continuous process as per the prescribed procedure and guidelines.
