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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1786
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH FEBRUARY, 2026

KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRAS IN WEST BENGAL

1786. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

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

- (a) the details of the services offered by Krishi Vigyan Kendras in West Bengal from 2019 till date, district-wise;
- (b) the status on the establishment of new Krishi Vigyan Kendra for Darjeeling district;
- (c) the details of the number of farmers and other persons engaged in agricultural activities who benefit from the KVKs in Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts;
- (d) the details of the funds made available to the KVKs and funds provided to the farmers in Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts; and
- (e) whether there is any mechanism to assess the quality of services offered by Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs)?

ANSWER

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

(a): The Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in West Bengal conducted 5256 on-farm trials (OFTs) and 68023 frontline demonstrations (FLDs) to establish the production potential of improved agricultural technologies on the farmers' fields from 2019-20 to 2025-26.

The KVKs trained 463053 farmers/farm women/rural youth and 92320 extension personnel on different aspects of technologies related to agriculture and allied sectors for their knowledge and skill upgradation. Besides, a large number of extension activities were taken up by the KVKs to make awareness of improved agricultural technologies among 124.34 lakh farmers.

The KVKs analysed 1.85 lakh soil, water, plant and manures samples and provided the suitable advisories to the farmers.

The KVKs also produced 0.78 lakh quintals quality seeds of field crops, 124.82 lakh quality planting materials of horticultural crops and 88.94 lakh livestock strains/fingerlings for availability to the farmers.

District-wise details of the above are given in **Annexure-I**.

(b): Darjeeling district has been included in the EFC (2021-26) document for establishment of new KVK. Opening of KVKs in newly created districts is a continuous process as per prescribed procedure and guidelines. The process of establishment of KVK in the district is considered only after receiving of requisite approval, fulfilment of essential criteria and availability of funds.

(c): In all, 19158 and 44583 farmers were benefitted by the activities of KVK from Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts, respectively during 2019-20 to 2025-26.

(d): The Indian Council of Agricultural Research provided Rs. 1404.18 lakh to KVK, Kalimpong during 2019-20 to 2025-26 for conducting its mandated activities.

(e): There is a strong mechanism for monitoring and review of KVKs including those of West Bengal to make vibrant and effective institution of technology transfer at district level. Monitoring and review of KVKs are done regularly at National, Zonal, University and District level by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR); Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute; Agricultural Universities and Scientific Advisory Committee of each KVK, respectively. The performance and working of KVKs is also reviewed periodically by Quinquennial Review Team (QRT) and Third Party Evaluation.

[Part (a) of Lok Sabha USQ No. 1786 dated 10TH FEBRUARY, 2026]**District-wise details of activities carried out by the KVKs of West Bengal from 2019-20 to 2025-26**

District	No. of OFTs & FLDs (No)	No. of persons trained/made aware (lakh)	No. of samples tested (lakh)	Seed produced (lakh quintals)	Planting materials produced (lakh)	Livestock strains/fingerlings produced (lakh)
Bankura	1512	1.810	0.006	0.106	5.937	3.612
Birbhum	2119	0.545	0.069	0.111	2.276	6.057
Burdwan	1133	21.059	0.015	0.018	0.943	0.050
Coochbehar	1472	1.170	0.009	0.027	5.164	0.036
Dakshin Dinajpur	12692	1.794	0.350	0.025	4.390	28.898
Darjeeling	463	0.135	0.003	0.000	0.530	0.006
Hooghly	6264	1.711	0.039	0.095	6.526	0.006
Howrah	5593	1.027	0.220	0.007	0.975	0.023
Jalpaiguri	4005	0.640	0.081	0.001	7.116	1.581
Jhargram	108	0.434	0.015	0.001	1.084	0.016
Kalimpong	1070	0.314	0.007	0.001	1.235	0.013
Malda	2655	62.232	0.871	0.042	3.807	2.591
Murshidabad	4913	3.420	0.038	0.048	11.822	5.541
Nadia	9349	1.264	0.012	0.018	4.090	0.044
North 24 Paraganas	5139	0.627	0.018	0.025	3.038	28.601
Purba Medinipur	4233	0.989	0.002	0.014	2.920	0.000
Purulia	3875	6.184	0.017	0.034	15.207	0.015
South 24 Paraganas	4766	23.377	0.010	0.138	43.343	7.500
Uttar Dinajpur	1918	1.156	0.069	0.016	4.421	4.352
Total	73279	129.889	1.852	0.727	124.823	88.942
