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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2757 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19th December, 2023

VACANCIES IN KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRAS

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

- (a) the list of number of districts where Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) have been established, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether it is true that several districts do not have KVK and if so, the details of the same, State/ UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government plans to establish KVKs in all the districts and if so, the details thereof and the proposed timeline for the same;
- (d) the list of vacancies in KVKs, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the details of the major achievements of KVKs?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI ARJUN MUNDA)

- (a): The State/UT-wise list of number of districts where KVKs have been established are at Annexure I.
- **(b) and (c):** At present 638 districts in the country have KVKs. National Commission on Agriculture (1976) in its report on "Research, Education and Extension", recommended to have one KVK in each district. Opening of new KVKs in newly created districts is a continuous process as per the prescribed procedure and guidelines.
- **(d):** 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. There are certain vacancies in KVKs. The State/UT-wise list of vacancies in KVKs is at **Annexure-II**. Filling up of the vacancies in KVKs is the responsibility of the concerned Host Organization and ICAR regularly follows up with them.
- (e): The details of the major achievements of KVKs are at Annexure-III.

State/UT-wise list of number of Districts where KVKs have been established

S. No.	State/Union Territory	No. of districts having KVKs
1.	Punjab	22
2.	Uttarakhand	13
3.	Himachal Pradesh	12
4.	Jammu and Kashmir	19
5.	Ladakh (UT)	02
6.	Rajasthan	33
7.	Delhi	1
8.	Haryana	18
9.	Uttar Pradesh	74
10.	Jharkhand	24
11.	Bihar	38
12.	Andaman and Nicobar	3
13.	West Bengal	18
14.	Odisha	30
15.	Sikkim	4
16.	Arunachal Pradesh	17
17.	Assam	26
18.	Manipur	9
19.	Meghalaya	7
20.	Mizoram	8
21.	Nagaland	11
22.	Tripura	8
23.	Goa	2
24.	Gujarat	27
25.	Maharashtra	33
26.	Madhya Pradesh	51
27.	Chhattisgarh	27
28.	Andhra Pradesh	13
29.	Puducherry	3
30.	Tamil Nadu	31
31.	Telangana	10
32.	Karnataka	29
33.	Kerala	14
34.	Lakshadweep	1
	Total	638

Annexure-II [To part (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 2757 dated 19.12.2023]

SI. No.	Name of State/UT	Vacancies in
1.	Punjab	74
2. 3.	Himachal Predesh	26
3.	Jammu and Kashmir	172
	and Ladakh (UT)	
4.	Uttrakhand	49
5.	Rajasthan	351
6.	Haryana	91
7.	Delhi	1
8.	Uttar Pradesh	437
9.	Bihar	230
10.	Jharkhand	206
11.	Odisha	156
12.	West Bengal	96
13.	A&N Islands	34
14.	Arunachal Pradesh	66
15.	Assam	66
16.	Sikkim	5
17.	Manipur	26
18.	Meghalaya	13
19.	Mizoram	9
20.	Nagaland	61
21.	Tripura	48
22.	Maharashtra	164
23.	Gujarat	172
24.	Goa	11
25.	Madhya Pradesh	350
26.	Chhattisgarh	162
27.	Andhra Pradesh	94
28.	Telangana	42
29.	Tamil Nadu	61
30.	Karnataka	153
31.	Kerala	48
32.	Lakshadweep	12
33.	Puducherry	13
	Total	3499

Details of the major achievements of KVKs Achievements of major Activities of KVKs during 2022-23 is as follows:

SI. No.	Activities	2022-23
1.	On- farm trials conducted (Number)	47088
2.	Total Frontline demonstrations conducted (Number)	298932
3.	Farmers trained (in lakh)	19.53
4.	Extension Personnel trained (in lakh)	1.62
5.	Participants in extension activities (in lakh)	160.86
6.	Production of seed (in lakh q)	1.76
7.	Planting material produced (in lakh)	497.40
8.	Live-stock strains and finger lings produced (in lakh)	289.32
9.	Soil, water, plant, manures samples tested (in lakh)	3.10
10.	Mobile agro- advisory provided to farmers (Messages in lakh)	1624

Besides above, seed-hubs, set-up at 95 KVKs for production of quality seeds of major pulse crops, produced 42835.07 q seeds of pigeon pea, black gram, green gram, lentil, chickpea, field pea and lathayrus during 2022-23.

Attracting and Retaining Youth in Agriculture (ARYA) project, which aims at attracting and empowering the youth in rural areas to take up various agriculture and allied sector enterprises for sustainable income and gainful employment, is operational in 100 KVKs. During 2022-23, 4,340 entrepreneurial units related to mushroom production, fruits and vegetable processing units, horticulture nursery, protected cultivation, fish farming, poultry, goat farming, piggery, duck farming, bee keeping and vermicomposting units were established benefiting 6,610 rural youth. KVKs have organized 857 training programmes benefiting 19,213 youth.

Technology Demonstration Component (TDC) of National Innovations in Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) which aims at enhancing resilience of Indian agriculture and making Indian farmers more adaptive to climatic vulnerabilities has been implemented through 151 KVKs in climatically most vulnerable districts of the country as per the latest risk categorization. Climate smart technologies encompassing Natural Resource Management, Crops and Livestock modules have been demonstrated in adopted villages as a package to suit the resource and weather related constraints of different farming system typologies of the village.

During the year, 6477, 13931 and 7187 demonstrations were conducted covering 5695.81, 6807.6 and 265.65 ha of area under NRM, Crop and Livestock modules respectively. At the same time 2038 capacity building programmes and 2874 extension activities were taken up for the benefit of 27816 and 244561 farmers respectively for brining awareness on climate resilient technologies and to enhance climate literacy.