

Functioning of KVKs

‡945. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) have been established in the country since 1974;

(b) if so, the number of such Kendras established in 1974 and the total number of these Kendras in the country till November, 2013;

(c) the average amount spent annually for each KVKs by the Government; and

(d) the annual amount spent on an average basis for various activities by KVKs and the mechanism developed by Government for monitoring the functioning of these Kendras?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) was established in 1974. The total numbers of KVKs established in the country till November, 2013 is 636.

(c) The annual funds allocated to KVKs depend on stage of development of infrastructure including office building, staff quarters, trainees hostel and demonstration units, farm development etc. staff in position and purchase of vehicles, equipments, books and office and laboratory consumables. During Eleventh Plan, an average amount of Rs. 63.82 lakh per KVK per year was spent by the Government.

(d) Each KVK has spent about Rs. 7.50 lakh/year for various mandated activities during Eleventh Plan. The mechanism for monitoring and reviewing the functioning of the KVKs include holding of Scientific Advisory Committee meetings, Annual Zonal Workshops, Midterm Review Workshops, Activity Specific Training-cum-Workshops, Annual National Conference of KVKs and visits to KVKs by the Officers of Zonal Project Directorates and ICAR Headquarters. The Council also reviews the KVK activities by constituting Quinquennial Review Team (QRT).

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