

**Strengthening/ Promoting Agricultural Information System:** To promote e-Governance in Agriculture at the Centre and to provide support to States/UTs for the same, DAC is implementing this Central Sector Scheme. The scheme has the following components:

- **IT apparatus at DAC Headquarters, field offices and Directorates**  
Under the DACNET Project, the Directorates/field units have been provided basic infrastructure which has helped in achieving e-readiness.
- **Development of Agricultural Informatics and Communication**  
DAC has developed around 80 portals, applications and websites (primarily in collaboration with the National Informatics Centre) covering both the headquarters and its field offices/directorates. The important portals include Farmers' Portal SEEDNET, DACNET, AGMARKNET (prices and arrivals in Mandis), RKVY (Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana), ATMA, NHM (National Horticulture Mission), INTRADAC, NFSM (National Food Security Mission) and APY (Acreage, Productivity and Yield). DAC is getting online data entry done right from the District level at least, so as to expedite generation of requisite queries & reports in an efficient manner.



Under this Scheme, funds are provided to State/UTs for computerization down to Block level. Funds to 26 states have been released under AGRISNET to achieve the objective of providing computers up to Block level. State specific software packages have been developed to disseminate information to the farmers. Availability of requisite hardware and locally suitable software packages has resulted in quick retrieval of data, dissemination of information to farmers and provision of farmer centric services to farmers. The States/UT's which have availed assistance under the Scheme are Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Assam, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Sikkim, Maharashtra, Punjab, Orissa, Mizoram, Kerala, Haryana, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Puducherry, Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Bihar, and Manipur.

**The Kisan Call Centre (KCC)** initiative aims to provide information to the farming community through toll-free telephone lines (telephone No.



18001801551). Under this project, call centre facilities have been extended to the farmers through call centres located in different states so that farmers can get the information in their own language. Recently KCCs have been further revamped by consolidation and appointing a new service provider for KCC to set up state of the art KCCs at 14 identified locations.