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## ■ 'Agri Scientists Must Adopt Village to Help Farmers'

**NEW DELHI** Agriculture scientists should voluntarily adopt a village to update the knowledge of farmers, Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh said today. During a consultative committee meeting of Agriculture Ministry in Shikohpur village in Gurgaon, Singh said that there is need to further strengthen the Krishi Vigyan Kendras. The system needs to be strengthened with basic amenities, laboratories and additional scientific manpower, Singh was quoted as saying in a statement released by the Agriculture Ministry. The minister suggested that these centres may encourage agricultural clubs which will see participation of students from various school and colleges for creating awareness. "Singh urged agricultural scientists for voluntarily adopt one village and make regular visits for updating the knowledge of the farmers and exemplify 'Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav,'" the statement added.