

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2465
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH AUGUST, 2024

TRANSFER OF AFFILIATION OF KVKs

2465. SHRI MOHMAD HANEEFA:

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

- (a) whether the administration of UT of Ladakh has proposed to transfer and affiliate the four units of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) of Ladakh which are at present affiliated with Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K) with the University of Ladakh which is a non-technical academic institution and not a full-fledged University;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the impact of the proposal on the moral, scientific capacity and temperament of the scientists of these KVKs;
- (c) whether there is an urgent need of keeping the KVKs of Ladakh affiliated with SKUAST-K and maintain the status quo regarding the above issue; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The administration of Union Territory of Ladakh has proposed to take over the administrative control of four Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) [i.e. Leh-I (Leh), Leh-II (Nyoma), Kargil-I (Kargil) and Kargil-II] which fall in the geographical territory of Ladakh region, from Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K). The proposal has been discussed by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) with University of Ladakh, SKUAST-K, Union Territory (UT) Administration and other Stakeholders. Certain formalities for transfer of KVKs from SKUAST-K to University of Ladakh, such as land transfer, service conditions of employees etc. need to be completed by the UT Administration to facilitate further decision on the matter.
