

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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COURSES IN AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is lack of uniformity in the post graduate courses in Agriculture Universities in the country;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to bring structural changes in the courses offered, so as to bring uniformity; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): The existing post-graduate courses need greater uniformity, yet a degree of flexibility is being allowed to appreciate and accommodate the learning needs of the local agriculture and farming situations. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has been making persistent efforts to enhance the uniformity through revision of academic norms, standards, regulations and course curricula and suggesting for their adoption by all agricultural universities.

(c) & (d): ICAR has recently (2009) revised the course curricula and syllabi for post-graduate agricultural education in the country. All agricultural universities in the country are increasingly adopting them for improving quality and enhancing uniformity in education.