

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is giving high priority to the higher education in agriculture and animal husbandry alongwith their allied subjects; and

(b) if so, the details of the initiative taken in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): Agriculture, including agricultural education, is a state subject. The Department of Agricultural Research & Education (DARE) through the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), however, provides policy and partial financial support for specific activities to the agricultural universities, under a scheme entitled 'Strengthening and Development of Higher Agricultural Education in India', with the broad objectives to enhance the quality and relevance of higher agricultural education in the country, through initiatives such as (i) accreditation and periodic revision of course curricula and syllabi; (ii) niche areas of excellence, experiential learning and partial financial support for development of academic facilities like class rooms, laboratories, central instrumentation laboratory, ICT facilities for e-learning, libraries, hostels, sports complex, museum and old historical colleges; (iii) human resource development through National Talent Scholarships, Junior/Senior Research Fellowships, ICAR International Fellowships, admission of foreign students and faculty development, and(iv) modernization of agricultural universities farms. Financial support provided to the Agricultural Universities, state-wise, during each of the last three years and the current year is annexed (Annexure 1).