

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURAL GRADUATES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) in an assessment and draft policy paper has suggested that there was a need to double the number of agricultural graduates in the country during the ensuing decade;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the ICAR has also suggested steps to be taken to meet this requirement; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to meet the requirement of agricultural graduates in the country:

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) ICAR has got an assessment of Human Capital Requirements in Agriculture and Allied Sectors through a project sponsored by the National Agricultural Innovation Project (NAIP) in 2011. The study recommends annual demand of UG, PG and Ph.D. students in various disciplines of agriculture from the current out turn of 23,789 in 2010 to 53,630 in 2020.
- (c) The study has suggested some of the steps related to Education planning, skill needs and mechanisms and financial support and policy interventions.
- (d) Necessary steps are being taken to strengthen and promote and expand quality agricultural education through a Plan scheme 'Strengthening and Development of higher Agricultural Education in India', which supports the all the Agricultural Universities set up by the State Governments.