GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6353 ANSWERED ON:15.05.2012 SETTING UP OF NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY Meghwal Shri Arjun Ram ;Ramshankar Dr. ;Shekhar Shri Neeraj;Singh Shri Yashvir

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria laid down by the Government to set up an agricultural university in the country;

(b) the number of national agricultural universities in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has a proposal to set up more agricultural universities in the country including Uttar Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(e) whether the Government proposes to give national agricultural university status to some State agricultural universities; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Rajasthan?

Answer

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

(a) Agriculture including higher agricultural education is a state subject. Setting up of an agricultural university in state is therefore, done by the respective State Governments.

(b) There is no National Agricultural University in the country. However, there is one Central Agricultural University at Imphal with its jurisdiction covering the states of Arunanchal Pradesh, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura and Sikkim.

(c) Yes, Madam.

(d) Establishment of one Central Agricultural University (CAU) each in the Bundelkhand at Jhansi (Uttar Pradesh) and North Eastern region at Barapani (Meghalaya) is agreed in- principle.

(e) & (f): Conversion of Rajendra Agricultural University, Pusa, Bihar into a CAU is also agreed in -principle.