

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SERVICES OF AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES SCIENCE CENTRES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has requested to various State Governments to use the services of agriculture universities and agriculture science centres to educate the farmers for tackling the drought situations and to adopt new methods of agriculture including planting of short duration crops which need less water;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the response of the various State Governments in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Government of India is implementing a Scheme namely "Scaling up of water productivity in agriculture for livelihood through teaching-cum-demonstration, training of trainers and farmers" by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in 32 centres (27 State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) and 5 ICAR Institute) on issues/themes addressing location specific problems and needs to enhance water productivity in agriculture. These themes include rainwater management in upland, medium and low land, micro-level water resources development, rain water harvesting, multiple use and management of harvested water, water management in paddy crops, water management in non-paddy crops, water management in horticultural crops, crop diversification, cropping system in rainfed uplands etc.

Good agriculture practices suggested by agricultural universities are adopted by State Governments through National/State sponsored agriculture development programmes.