

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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PASSING OUT OF AGRICULTURE SCIENTISTS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of agriculture scientists passing out from various agriculture universities in the country during each of the last three academic years;
- (b) whether there are adequate institutes to provide employment to them;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the remedial measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) According to a recent study conducted in 2011 under the National Agricultural Innovation Project (NAIP), the number of students eligible to become agricultural scientists, passing out from agriculture universities in the country during each of the previous three academic years was as under:

Sl.No.	Pass Year	Bachelors	Degree	Masters	Degree	Doctoral	Total
1.	2008	11840	5284	1209	18333		
2.	2009	12716	4748	1136	18600		
3.	2010	14570	5308	952	20830		

Data of AUs only. Data of Colleges outside AUs not included.

(b) & (c): There are substantial employment opportunities in the agriculture sector. According to the above study, agricultural scientists are employed in Government/ Government organization (33%), in the private sector (44%) and the financial sector (10%). 4% of the scientists opt for research and academics, while 9% are employed in all other sectors.

(d) Does not arise in view of (b) & (c) above.