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FARM EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Vice-Chancellors of various agricultural universities across the country have urged the Union Government that farm education be reoriented to meet global challenges;
- (b) if so, whether farm education has assumed considerable urgency in view of the dismal state of affairs in the agriculture sector; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to modernize and improve the standards of the agricultural universities to meet global challenges?

Answer

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

- (a) No such collective decision of Vice Chancellors either from Indian Agricultural Universities Association or otherwise has been received.
- (b) & (c): Agriculture being a State subject, the state of affairs of agriculture varies from State to State. The status of farm education is also linked to the policy of the States. However, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research provides professional and partial financial support to Agricultural Universities for enhancing the quality and relevance of higher agricultural education, as well as for improving infrastructural facilities.