

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:337

ANSWERED ON:04.09.2012

AGRICULTURE UNIVERSITIES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) The number of Central as well as State Agriculture Universities in the country, State-wise at present;
- (b) whether the Union Government proposes to open Central Agriculture Universities in the country in the near future;
- (c) the procedure/criteria laid down in this regard;
- (d) whether any requests from some State Governments have been received for according the status of Central University to their State Agriculture University; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 337 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04/09/2012 REGARDING "AGRICULTURE UNIVERSITIES"

(a) There is one Central Agricultural University (CAU) and fifty four State Agriculture Universities (SAUs) in the country. Besides, there are five Deemed-to-be-Universities (DUs) and four Central Universities with Agriculture faculty. Details of State Agriculture Universities, Central Universities with Agriculture Faculty, Central Agricultural University and DUs are as given in the Annexure.

(b) & (c): For setting up a Central Agricultural University for Bundelkhand Region, Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University Bill has been introduced in the Rajya Sabha.

(d) & (e): A proposal has been received from State Government of Bihar for according the status of Central University to their State Agricultural University (Rajendra Agricultural University, Pusa). Based on discussions between the Central and State Government representatives, a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), has been since sent to Department of Agricultural Research & Education/Indian Council of Agricultural Research by the Government of Bihar.