

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION OF AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for modernization/upgradation of Dr. Rajendra Agricultural University, Pusa in Bihar so as to speed up the agricultural research work;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the researchers have to face problems in advanced research for want of various technologies in the said University; and
- (d) the number of research related posts lying vacant in the University at present along with the steps taken to fill these vacancies?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Based on the report of the Special Task Force constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. S.C. Jha, the Planning Commission conveyed its 'in principle' approval for establishment of a new Central Agricultural University (CAU) at Pusa in Bihar. In pursuance of that a proposal was received from the Government of Bihar for conversion of the Rajendra Agricultural University, Pusa, Bihar into a CAU. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the State Govt. and the Central Govt. is being finalized.

(c) There is lack of ultramodern laboratory facilities in the University. Some of the laboratories are under process of modernization. However, most of the laboratories need modernization in order to develop technologies to meet the future challenges. The Scientists working in different fields also require advance trainings and exposure to modern laboratories.

(d) There are 588 posts of the Scientists/teachers sanctioned in the University. Out of which, 298 posts are lying vacant. Some posts have already been advertised and are under the process of recruitment. For others, the proposal for clearance of roster has been submitted to the Govt. of Bihar. As soon as roster is cleared by the Govt., the appointments will be made by the university.