

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of Central and State agricultural universities at present in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Union Government is contemplating to open more agricultural universities in future;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) the criteria/process adopted for opening of agricultural university;
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to open agricultural university in Bundelkhand area of Uttar Pradesh; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such university is likely to be opened?

**Answer**

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

- (a) There are total 64 Central and State Agricultural Universities at present in the country. List of State-wise Agricultural Universities is annexed please (Annexure 'A').
- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) Agricultural education including higher agricultural education is a State subject. However, Central Government has mooted the proposal to open 02 Central Agricultural Universities at Bundelkhand (Jhansi) (Uttar Pradesh) and Barapani (Meghalaya). The proposal to convert Rajendra Agricultural University, Smastipur, Pusa, Bihar into a Central Agricultural University has also been agreed to 'in principle' by the Planning Commission.
- (d) A State Agricultural University is established by an Act of the State Legislature with a dedicated mandate of teaching, research and extension in agriculture and related subjects. As far as Central Agricultural University (CAU) is concerned, the CAU is established by an act of Parliament.
- (e) Yes, Sir.
- (f) An outlay of Rs.467 crores is proposed for the establishment of CAU in Bundelkhand region at Jhansi (Uttar Pradesh). The concerned CAU shall be established after the bill is passed in the Parliament.