

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FACILITIES TO AGRICULTURAL SCIENTISTS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the scientists of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and other agriculture universities have been provided adequate facilities and infrastructure to carry out their research work at par with international standards in order to achieve the target of food security;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of scientists of the ICAR and other agriculture universities that have participated in international seminars and symposia during each of the last three years and the current year along with the expenditure involved therein;
- (d) whether the ICAR and other agriculture universities have been provided adequate funds during the said period;
- (e) if so, the details thereof during the said period and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The ICAR Institutes have laboratories of international standards, with all sophisticated equipments and instruments relevant to their mandate. The infrastructure in the research institutes has been strengthened and modernized in terms of laboratories and farm facilities. Under the HRD and faculty improvement programmes, the scientists are being trained in specialized disciplines in international institutions and laboratories. Scientists are given wide international exposure through participation in seminars and symposia. The libraries at the institutes have up-to-date ICT facilities with Internet and CeRA connectivity. The Council also takes regular Organization & Management reforms to ensure that the scientists are provided an enabling environment to improve the performance. So far as agricultural universities are concerned they are under the administrative control of the concerned State Government. However, ICAR provides limited financial assistance for specific purposes only.

(c) to (f): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.