

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote education in agricultural engineering to encourage scientific methods of farming so as to increase agricultural production in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) the details of funds allocated for the purpose during the last two year and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide latest agricultural equipment to farmers under various Centrally sponsored schemes in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Revision of Course Curriculum, upgradation of faculty and Experimental Learning Programmes for students of State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) are some of the steps taken in this direction.

ICAR supports 56 State Agricultural Universities/ Central Agricultural University out of which 24 have Agricultural Engineering Faculty offering UG and PG courses in the area of Agricultural Engineering.

(c) The Education Division of ICAR provides financial support for the Development and Strengthening of higher Agricultural Education in the Country. Apart from funding regular academic activities, funds are also provided for experiential learning as a part of the curriculum. The funds allocated under this programme during the last two years and the current year to the SAUs State-wise are provided in Annexure-I.

(d) Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India continues to provide financial subsidy ranging from 25% to 50% to farmers of all States for purchase of various agricultural and horticultural tools and equipments. Farmers can avail benefits of financial subsidy for procurement of agricultural and horticultural tools and equipments under following major ongoing schemes of the Ministry:

Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY);

National Food Security Mission (NFSM);

National Horticulture Mission (NHM);

Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA).

(e) The details of agricultural equipments available under these schemes along with quantum of subsidy are at Annexure-II.