

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1306
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AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of agricultural colleges in the country is much lesser as compared to number of engineering/medical colleges;
- (b) if so, the number of agricultural colleges at present in each State/UT and the number of such colleges proposed to be opened in the next one year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up an All India Body on the lines of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)/Medical Council of India (MCI) for agricultural colleges to monitor and better regulate their functioning;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that agricultural colleges are given equal importance?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Madam. The number of agricultural colleges in public sector is not less as compared to the number of engineering/medical colleges.
- (b) Agriculture including higher agricultural education is a State Subject, thus any proposal to open new colleges lies under the jurisdiction of respective State Governments. However, the university-wise list of constituent colleges is annexed.
- (c) & (d): No, Madam. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) does not have statutory powers. However, to the extent that funds are available, Central Government assists the State Agricultural Universities in certain select areas for strengthening and developing higher agricultural education in India.
- (e) Question does not arise.