GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4720 ANSWERED ON:23.04.2013 CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Central Agricultural Universities in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Union Government has received any request from various State Governments to set up Central Agricultural Universities in their States;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Union Government thereon;
- (d) whether the Union Government has any proposal to establish Central Agricultural Universities at Kalahandi area of Odisha and Kokrajhar area of Assam;
- (e) if so, the present status of the proposal thereon; and
- (f) the funds allotted and spent on the agricultural universities during the 11th and 12th Five Year Plan period?

Answer

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

- (a) There is only one Central Agricultural University located at Imphal, Manipur.
- (b) & (c): Yes, Madam. The details of the proposals are as under:
- 1- Conversion of Rajendra Agricultural University (RAU), Pusa into a Central Agricultural University For conversion of RAU, Pusa into a Central Agricultural University, a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been submitted by the Government of Bihar to firm up modalities for transfer of liabilities. Final draft MoU between the State and the Central Government has been sent to the Government of Bihar on 26th December, 2012 to take necessary action at their end. Signed MoU between the Department of Agricultural Research & Education (DARE) and the Government of Bihar shall be submitted to the Ministries of Law and Finance for their concurrence.
- 2-Central Agricultural University (CAU), Barapani

An Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) Memorandum is being prepared for circulation to appraisal agencies.

- 3- Central Agricultural University, Bundelkhand A Bill (Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University Bill, 2012) to establish a Central Agricultural University at Bundelkhand was referred by Hon'ble Speaker Lok Sabha in consultation with Hon'ble Chairman Rajya Sabha to the Standing Committee on Agriculture for examination and report. The Committee has presented it's report to Lok Sabha on 14th March, 2013 and laid on the Table on Rajya Sabha, also on the same date.
- (d) & (e): No, Madam.
- (f) Funds allotted and spent on CAU, Imphal during the XI & XII Five Year Plan and earmarked for other proposed Central Agricultural Universities, subject to approval by Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC), may please be seen at Annexure –I.