

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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BENEFITS OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether it is a fact that due to lack of proper coordination between various agriculture universities of the States, useful information and technological developments are not being shared among all the agriculture universities for the development of the agriculture sector and as a result, farmers are not getting the benefits of new research taking place in the farming sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps 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): No, Madam. Useful information and technologies are being shared for development of Agricultural Sector by Agricultural Universities through various mechanisms. These are:-

(a) All India Coordinated Research Projects and Network projects (79 nos. in operation) coordinated and funded by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. Information is shared during annual workshops.

(b) Krishi Vigyan Kendras (631 nos.) all over the country and majority are under Agricultural Universities. The co-ordination is being done through 8 (eight) Zonal Project Directorates and national workshops are also held.

(c) Summer Schools and Winter Schools organized by Agricultural Universities through funding support from ICAR, where scientists from all over country participate.

(d) Symposium/Conferences in specific areas are also organized, where participation is across the Universities.

(e) Annual Conference of Vice Chancellors of all Agricultural Universities sharing their achievements, problems and new technologies etc. on a common platform.

(f) Accreditation of Agricultural Universities for assuring quality in higher agricultural education, uniformity in academic and course standards curricula, monitored by ICAR.

(c) The Planning Commission's working group on Agricultural Research and Education for XII Plan had constituted a sub-group on Agricultural Education. Adequate State Funding, University governance, faculty strength and inbreeding, faculty and students development programmes, demand-driven curriculum and its delivery, quality assurance and modern infrastructure for education and research are the areas needing attention.

Based on existing concerns and emerging scenario, a national Agricultural Education Project is being developed imbibing the suggestions of the various stakeholders for improving quality of higher agricultural education in the country.