

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of agricultural universities in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to set up any agricultural university in agriculture dominant areas of the country including Bihar and Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the financial assistance provided by the Union Government to such universities and colleges;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide assistance for expansion of agricultural and other related activities as per their field of expertise; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) The list of State Agricultural Universities, Central Agricultural University, Deemed-to-be- universities and Central Universities with agricultural faculty is enclosed as Annexure 1.

(b) Agriculture including higher agricultural education is a State subject, therefore, setting up of agriculture university in the states comes under the purview of the respective state governments.

(c) During the XI Plan, an amount of Rs.2033.37 crore was provided to different agricultural universities under the Plan scheme, 'Strengthening and Development of Higher Agricultural Education in India' and during 2012-13 of XII Plan, Rs.395.13 crores were provided under the said scheme. Besides, an amount of Rs.120.00 crores was released to the following agricultural universities as 'special grant' during the year 2012-13:-

- # Acharya N G Ranga Agricultural University, Hyderabad
- # Orissa University of Agriculture & Technology, Bhubaneswar
- # CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar
- # Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur
- # University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad
- # Kerala Veterinary & Animal Sciences University, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram.

(d) & (e): 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, which includes programmes like Niche Area of Excellence, Experiential Learning, Rural Agricultural Work Experience etc. for the overall capacity building and quality human resource development.