

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any provision for according Central Agriculture University status to the State Agriculture Universities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of State Agriculture Universities to whom Central Agriculture University status is likely to be accorded by the Government during the year 2013-14, State-wise including Rajasthan;
- (d) whether the Government has received proposals from various States including Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh to open new Central Agriculture University; and
- (e) if so, the time by which these universities are likely to be set up?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Central Agricultural Universities are established by an Act of Parliament.
- (c): At present conversion of Rajendra Agricultural University, Pusa, Bihar into Central Agricultural University is under process and MoU in this regard has been signed by the Union Government and forwarded to Government of Bihar. However, there is no such proposal with regard to any other State Agricultural University including Rajasthan.
- (d) & (e): Establishment of Rani Laxmi Bai Central Agricultural University in Bundelkhand region will be completed during XII Five year plan. This will cater to the requirement of both Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh States.