## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

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INFRASTRUCTURE TO STATES FOR RESEARCH
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## Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of infrastructure and facilities provided to the States for agricultural research and education;
- (b) whether requests have been received from various States seeking financial assistance for augmenting their agriculture research and educational facilities; and
- (c) if so, the steps being taken to provide the required assistance?

## **Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

- (a) Agriculture being a State subject, the State Agricultural Universities are established, funded and governed by the respective State Governments for Research and Education in the State. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) provides professional and partial financial support for strengthening and development of Agricultural Education that includes support for specific infrastructure and facilities such as modernization of university farms, international hostels, boys and girls hostels, agricultural museum, sports and games complex, modernization of laboratories and class room etc. In addition, some facilities are provided by the ICAR to the SAUs in project mode such as All India Coordinated Research Projects, Mega Seed Projects etc.
- (b) & (c): The State Agricultural Universities often seek additional financial assistance for augmenting their on going research and educational facilities, for which need based financial support is provided depending upon the priority and availability of funds.