

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the number of agricultural universities in the country at present, location and State-wise;
- (b) the number of students who got graduation/post graduation degrees in the said universities every year;
- (c) whether it is a fact that very few students from the said universities engage in agriculture or any other work in rural areas of the country;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme to encourage the students to engage in agri- cultural related fields; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

- (a) At present there are 73 Agricultural Universities (AUs), including 5 Deemed-to-be universities, 2 Central Agricultural Universities, 4 Central Universities with agriculture faculty. The State- wise including location-wise list of AUs is annexed (Annexure-I).
- (b) According to the study conducted in 2011 under the National Agricultural Innovation Project (NAIP), the number of students Graduates/Post Graduate passed out from the Agriculture Universities in the country from 2001-2010 is Annexed (Annexure-II).
- (c) & (d): No specific information is available as no study has been conducted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. However, under the scheme "Establishment of Agri-Clinic and Agri-Business Centres", 40474 candidates have undergone training. Out of these 16138 have established ventures all over the country mostly in rural areas.
- (e) & (f): The course on Experiential Learning for agricultural graduates has been initiated inculcating hands on training and developing entrepreneurship skills to build confidence amongst UG students.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) under its XII Plan Scheme "Strengthening and Development of Higher Agricultural Education in India" has initiated a programme of 'Student READY'. The programme aims to provide rural entrepreneurship awareness, practical experience in real-life situation in rural agriculture and creating awareness in undergraduate students for initiating a better career in agriculture farming. For this enhanced rate of stipend has been built in the scheme.

The Government of India has launched a Central Sector Scheme, 'Establishment of Agri-Clinics and Agri- Business Centers (ACABC) Scheme' during the year 2002 and revised in the year 2010 for the benefit of the unemployed graduates in agricultural and allied subjects as well as to provide supplementary extension services to the farmers through agri- ventures established by qualified candidates. The details of the scheme are available at Annexure-III.