

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5645  
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DECLINE IN STUDENTS FOR AGRICULTURAL COURSES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of students enrolled in the agricultural courses during the last three years and current year, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra;
- (b) whether it is a fact that number of students joining in the agricultural courses in Agriculture Colleges/Universities across the country is reducing every year;
- (c) whether there has been a remarkable decrease in the number of applicants for admission to the All India Entrance Examination for the UG and the PG programmes in agriculture and allied sciences; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to facilitate increase in intake of students and strengthening of research as a precursor to expanding intake in various degree programmes in the existing colleges/universities in agriculture and allied sciences?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The statement indicating the number of students enrolled in Agricultural Universities during the last three years, State/UT wise is annexed at Annexure-I.
- (b) No, Madam.
- (c) No, Madam, There has been a marked increase in the number of applicants over the years, as detailed below:-

Name of the Programme	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Undergraduate	57627	96069	129116
Post-Graduate	20896	23785	26972

- (d) In view of (c) above, question does not arise.