

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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VISIT OF SCIENTISTS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the agricultural scientists and students of agricultural universities are visiting the urban areas where there is greater agricultural activities instead of rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to promote agricultural scientists and students to work in rural areas and villages; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Irrespective of the location of Agricultural Universities, the scientists working in these Institutions visit farmers field in villages for conducting off campus training programmes; field trials and demonstrations of agricultural technologies; diagnostic surveys and organizing various extension programmes for creating awareness among farmers on improved technologies. Whereas, the students studying in Agricultural Universities are compulsorily undergo rural life exposure under Rural Agricultural Work Experience (RAWEX) programme to familiarize them with farmer's socio- economic conditions and developing competence to solve agricultural problems.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. An initiative "Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav" has been conceptualized in which scientists of Agricultural Universities and Indian Council of Agricultural Research will identify villages in the vicinity of the Institutions for providing advisories and consultations to farmers for increasing farm productivity and production.