

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:214
ANSWERED ON:22.07.2014
SETTING UP OF AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the criteria/procedure adopted for establishment of new Agricultural Universities/Research Centres in the country;
- (b) the number of existing Agricultural Research Institutes, Central Agricultural Universities and State Agricultural Universities in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to open more Agricultural Universities/Research Centres in various States during the 12th Five Year Plan period and if so, the details thereof including the time by which these centres/universities are likely to be set up, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to accord the status of Central University to the Agricultural University located in Pusa, Bihar, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 214 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22/07/2014 REGARDING "SETTING UP OF AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES"

(a) Agriculture, including agricultural education, is a state subject. A State Agricultural University is established by an Act of State Legislature with a dedicated mandate for teaching, research and extension in agriculture and allied disciplines. The Agricultural Research Centres are opened by agricultural universities in consultation with the state government based on the requirement of research needs in the specific areas. As far as establishment of Central Agricultural University is concerned, it is established by an act of Parliament.

(b) Presently, there are 99 Agricultural Research Institutes under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), 02 Central Agricultural Universities under the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) and 68 State Agricultural Universities/ICAR Deemed Universities/ Central Universities with agricultural faculty in the country.

(c) Yes, Madam. During the Budget (2014-15) presented in the Lok Sabha on 10-07-2014, Hon'ble Finance Minister, Government of India has allocated Rs. 200.00 crores for establishment of Agricultural Universities in states of Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan and also for Horticultural Universities in states of Telangana and Haryana. Further, an amount of Rs. 100.00 crores has been allocated for establishment of two agricultural research institutes in the state of Assam and Jharkhand on the pattern of Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi.

(d) Yes, Madam. The conversion of Rajendra Agricultural University, Pusa (Samastipur), Bihar into Central Agricultural University has been agreed to in principle. The Department of Agricultural Research and Education has already sent a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to the Government of Bihar for its concurrence and signature on 29-11-2013.