

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SETTING UP OF AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the foundation stone was laid by the Government to establish agricultural college in Madhubani area of Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details along with the current status of the project thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received several proposals from various States including Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra to set up agricultural universities/colleges in these States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and
- (e) the details of the agricultural policy adopted by the Government to provide latest technology to the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE & FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Government of Bihar took a decision to establish Agricultural Colleges one each at Gaya and Madhubani as constituent units of the Rajendra Agricultural University (RAU), Pusa, Samastipur, Bihar. Both the Colleges were inaugurated on 2nd October, 1997. The RAU, Pusa afterwards has also submitted a proposal to the Government in this regard.

(c) Yes, Madam.

(d) Although, Agriculture including Agricultural Education is a State subject and State Agricultural Universities are set up through Acts passed by the States, a proposal was received from the Government of Bihar for conversion of the Rajendra Agricultural University, Pusa, Samastipur District (Bihar) into a Central Agriculture University (CAU) for which signed MoU has been set to the Government of Bihar. Besides, a proposal has also been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for establishment of Agricultural University at Lam, Guntur District (Andhra Pradesh).

(e) In order to provide latest technology to farmers, the Government has decided to create at least one Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in each district of the country and an additional KVK in the larger districts of the country. At present, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has created a network of 639 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) at the district level in the country to bridge the gap between the technologies developed at the research institutes and the farming practices in the field