

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION OF AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY
Singh Shri Bhola

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has a proposal to modernise Rajendra Agricultural University, Pusa, Bihar for accelerating agricultural research;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the researchers face problems in advance research owing to shortage of various technologies in the said university; and
- (d) the number of research vacancies in the University at present and the steps taken by the Government to fill up these vacancies?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. It is proposed to convert the Rajendra Agricultural University (RAU), Pusa, Bihar into a Central Agricultural University (CAU) for which a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been sent to the Government of Bihar.
- (c) The laboratory facilities in the University need modernisation in order to develop technologies to meet future challenges. The Scientists working in different fields also require training and exposure to such modern laboratories.
- (d) Out of 588 sanctioned posts of scientists/ teachers in the University, 298 posts are vacant. Some posts have already been advertised and are under process of recruitment by the RAU. For others, the proposal for clearance of roster has been submitted to the Government of Bihar by the RAU.